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## ART

### Teen photographer spellbound by nature

*Offers first public exhibit at Palmer Library*

By Jonah Snowden  
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WALES – It all began at age 11, when May Adams got her first camera. From that day on, she spent the following years turning her new interest into a profession. Now, at age 15, Adams has decided to share her work with the public and has opened her very own photo exhibit in the community room of the Palmer Public Library.



Staff photo by Jonah Snowden  
**Professional photographer May Adams, from the town of Wales, has officially opened her first photo exhibit at the Palmer Public Library, at the age of 15. Teen**

Adams' style of photography involves capturing some of the best moments in nature, as well as providing a window into the world of birds, for which she has a deep fascination.

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## Seniors take Winter Carnival once again

Monson High School juniors sing to give their teams energy and to tease other classes than their own last Friday afternoon during the school's Winter Carnival.



Turley Publications staff photos by Eileen Kennedy

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

MONSON – Seniors once again won Monson High School's Winter Carnival competition last Friday afternoon after besting their fellow students in a variety of contests including pie-eating, tug-of-war, a race with transferring eggs and a sack race.

"Winter Carnival has a very, very, very long tradition here at Monson High School," said Physical Education Teacher Eric Degnan just before the festivities

began last Friday. "It's put on by the Student Council and they just do a great job." Degnan was also the Master of Ceremonies, moving the events along and making sure things ran smoothly.

Winter Carnival began last week with a volleyball game which he described "as good a volleyball night as we've had, it was a very good game."

On Friday, the event began when student Max Jordan played the "Star-Bangled Banner" on electric guitar, reminding one of Jimi Hendrix's rendition of the na-

tional anthem.

Then it was on to the fun and games. A wide variety of competitions ensued including an obstacle course, a flipper race, a potato sack race, an egg race and a pie-eating contest to name a few.

"It's really a good way to bring all the classes together," said senior Michelle Croak, who participated for her fourth and last year in the pie-eating contest. "It sort of revitalizes us at this point in the year. It's a lot of fun and I've done the pie-eating contest every year for four years."

And she was right when she said the seniors usually win, which they did again this year. Throughout the competition students alternately chanted, sang and teased those in other classes than their own.

Junior Gabe Zippin was constantly calling out to his class to sing or chant to rally their classmates, singing, dancing and getting them to do the "rollercoaster" wave.

"I just like everything about

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## COMMUNITY



Turley Publications staff photo by Eileen Kennedy

**Left, State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, and Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan, center, are introduced by Quaboag Hills Community Coalition Coordinator Gail Grammarosa, right, at Monday's QHCC meeting at Baystate Mary Lane in Ware.**

## QHCC talks issues

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – The annual meeting of elected officials and Quaboag Hills Community Coalition touched on an array of topics Monday, including a lack of public transportation, the coming census, aid formulas for providing senior citizen services, a lack of mental health services for children and the need for a regional peer recovery center.

Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan and state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, attended and spoke at the event.

Perhaps the most poignant moment was when JAC Patrissi, a QHCC board member, read an anonymous letter from a mother

who was sitting with her mentally 9-year-old son in an emergency room. She shared her heartbreak and frustration in the letter and asked Patrissi to read it aloud at the meeting.

"This letter comes to you from Baystate Medical Center's pediatric emergency department, at 4:30 this morning," it read. "I'm here with my son, a sweet, intelligent, goofy kid who had to be restrained last night by five police officers after punching me an Id tearing out a fistful of my hair. He's having a mental health crisis, and I've been trying to get him the care he so desperately wants and needs.

She went on to say he was not violent at school and gets good grades, and the school has told her they can't provide more than their special education services because he is not violent there.

"I'd like to thank you for the

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## COMMUNITY

### Go on your own yoga journey

By Sharon Palmer  
Special Correspondent

My very first yoga class, with Joan Allen at Hitchcock Free Academy (over 25 years ago), was so relaxing I fell soundly asleep in the relaxation at the end of the class. I loved it, but thought I was too busy for regular yoga classes.

A few years later, with three young children at home, I signed up for a six-week session with Jane Anable, who was then the yoga teacher at HFA. I remember the evening of the first class: for some reason (can't imagine why!) supper was delayed, the kids were making a stink because we were having broccoli, I got out of the house later than I'd planned and as I opened the door to the yoga room at Hitchcock, class had already started. I

was about to turn around and leave when Jane said to me, "Come on in! There's a place for you right here!" And that was it. Yoga has been part of my life ever since.

What drew me to yoga was wanting something for myself, and how I felt welcomed, accepted and OK just the way I was in our class -- our yoga community. And as a yoga teacher, that's the environment that I do my best to cultivate for everyone. In a comfortable, safe, and welcoming space, we feel more free to settle, to quiet, to see what's present for us in body, mind, and spirit, to explore and allow what's present to be present. All this doesn't always happen the way we might imagine or prefer (does anything, really?), nor does it happen overnight --

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**Hitchcock Academy is offering Yoga with Sharon in six class sessions on March 2 and again on April 13. Single sessions of Let your Yoga Dance will be held on March 13 and again on April 10.**

## COMMUNITY

### Archeology and glaciers covered during Norcross talk

By Patrick Duquette  
Correspondent

WALES – A robust crowd of 62 people, including children, attended Alan Smith's presentation on Minerals, Rocks and Archaeology at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary on Feb. 8, and the majority were probably devoted "rock hounds."

Besides Smith's array of archaeology tools, there was a table display of minerals and rocks, plus a large map of glacial Lake Hitchcock. Before the presentation started, he told people they were welcome to find their hometown on the Lake Hitchcock map to verify if it was underwater for 4,000 years.

Smith started his presentation with a short demonstration of the tools archaeologists might use in a typical excavation, including his sifting screen.

Lights were dimmed, and the slide show began with an easy-to-follow explanation of how continents were moving and colliding on our planet to create the land masses and terrain there is today. This state is unique in that Western Massachusetts was part of Laurentia, while the eastern half was originally part of Gondwana. This explains why you can find beach sand from Africa in Eastern Massachusetts.

Smith's talk then moved to glaciers, narrowing our focus on the last 200,000 years. This area had three main glacial periods; Illinois, Wisconsin, and Laurentide. Before the cycles of warming and freezing started, New England



Turley Publications correspondent photos by Patrick Duquette

**Alan Smith's presentation on Minerals, Rocks and Archaeology at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary on Feb. 8.**

had a two-mile thick sheet of glacial ice covering all but narrow edges of seashore. To put this in perspective, Mount Washington had a mile of ice above its peak. The last glacier to recede was the Laurentide. By 15,500 BP (Before Present) the glacier had receded to Vermont and left southern New England uncovered. However, a huge dam of debris in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, kept enormous Lake Hitchcock from draining to the sea. After 4,000 years, the dam finally broke and drained to the sea, creating the last 50 miles of the Connecticut River's path.

Before anyone could ask, Smith answered one of the most-asked questions when people discuss glacial lakes. Namely, how is

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# Multi-town chase ends in crash

By Melina Bourdeau  
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – After attempts to pull over a driver in Auburn, Palmer, Ware and West Brookfield were unsuccessful, the pursuit ended in an accident on Route 9.

The driver, Edward Smith, 56, whose last known address was 44 Roosevelt Drive in Southbridge, got into an accident and was air lifted from the scene on Wednesday, Feb. 5, according to West Brookfield Police Chief Thomas O'Donnell.

Smith began to speed in Auburn, which became a concern for police, who attempted to stop him. After he went onto the Massachusetts Turnpike, State Police began

pursuit, but also backed off, according to O'Donnell.

When Smith exited the interstate, he drove through Palmer at the same rates of speed and drove into Ware.

O'Donnell said Ware Police attempted to spike strips but were unsuccessful, and also called off the pursuit.

When Smith travelled into West Brookfield, he passed a West Brookfield officer on Route 9 by Northeast Pizza, where the officer began a pursuit as well.

"As he was driving around the corner (near Brookfield Wire) he lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the guardrail. He travelled down the guardrail about 100 feet, and struck a pole with active wires," O'Donnell said. "We called

in National Grid because the pole was snapped in half and there were wires involved in the accident."

He said at the time of the accident, which happened around 8 p.m., Smith was traveling over the posted 45 mph speed limit.

Smith was taken to UMass Medical Center in Worcester, and O'Donnell reported he sustained a concussion but no other injuries.

The State Police Crime Scene unit was able to obtain Smith's identity, after he attempted to give police incorrect information.

It was discovered he had warrants out in two towns in the eastern part of the state.

He was charged with failing to stop for police, refusing to provide his identify, speeding, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, reck-

less operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and using a motor vehicle without authority, according to O'Donnell.

O'Donnell said the case is still under investigation by State Police and more charges may follow. Smith was still in the hospital as of Friday, Feb. 7, but is in the custody of the Worcester County Sheriff.

The West Brookfield Police Department worked with the West Brookfield Fire Department, West Brookfield Rescue Squad, Hardwick, New Braintree, East Brookfield, Brookfield, Warren and Ware police as well as the State Police on the case.

"There were a lot of agencies that helped us out with what was a chaotic scene for a couple minutes," O'Donnell said.

## Artists invited to enter Juried Spring Art Exhibit

*\$4,300 in prizes to be awarded*

MONSON – The Monson Arts Council 27th annual Juried Spring Art Exhibit and Sale is now accepting artist's entries.

The show, held in nine rooms in the House of Art on Main Street in Monson, will be open week-ends April 4 to April 19. Will be closed on April 12. It will also be open on Thursday evenings, April 9 and April 16, from 5 to 8 p.m., in conjunction with special art show evenings at Main Street Tavern, Monson.

The Monson Arts Council show offers \$4,300 in prizes to artists in four major categories. A \$1,000 Best of Show tops the list

of prizes, but the Council also offers four \$500 first prizes and four \$100 second prizes in painting, photography, multi-dimensional art (including sculpture, fiber art and ceramics) and graphic arts (drawing and printmaking). Also, \$800 is given in additional prizes and a People's Choice Award is selected by visitors to the show opening.

Deadline for online entry of work to be hand delivered to the House of Art is March 4. Artists will deliver actual work on March 7. Cost to enter is \$25/one piece, \$35/ two pieces and \$45 three pieces. There is an additional \$15 fee for those who drop off work without prior entry form.

Artists who wish to deliver their work as digital images, may do so by March 11 at 8 p.m. Above

fees apply for either hand delivery or digital entry. Specifications for digital image size may be found online.

Sales shop open to all entrants  
The Monson Arts Council offers a sales shop at every spring show. New this year – all entrants, juried into show or not, are eligible to offer work for sales in this shop. Guidelines are on the website.

Jurors for this show are Cynthia Consentino who teaches art at University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Holyoke Community College. Holly S. Murray, ceramics educator and director of William Blizard Gallery at Springfield College and Eric Gehring, of Boston Camera Club and Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts in Boston. Artists may read the juror

## Smola rejects effort to diminish control over host community agreements

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola, R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means, is opposing legislation that would force cities and towns to concede their ability to independently negotiate host community agreements with local recreational marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers.

House Bill 4367 would empower the state's Cannabis Control Commission to "review, regulate and enforce" all host community agreements, and to reject certain provisions in these agreements

by deeming them unenforceable. Smola voted against the bill, which passed the House on a vote of 121-33 on Feb. 5.

Under the state's marijuana law, which was approved by voters in 2016 and modified by the Legislature in 2017, cities and towns can negotiate host community agreements with local marijuana businesses, which are only effective for five years but can be renewed. The law allows municipalities to require payment of a community impact fee as part of these agreements, but the fee cannot exceed 3 percent of the business' gross

sales.

House Bill 4367 amends the existing law by stipulating that the five-year timeframe does not begin until the marijuana establishment or treatment center actually commences operation. It also allows host communities to waive agreements, in writing, with the Commission's approval.

House Bill 4367 now heads to the Senate for further action. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

## Monson kindergarten registration will be in May

MONSON – Monson Public Schools will hold kindergarten registration and screening from May 4 through May 8. In order to enter kindergarten in the Monson Public Schools, a child must attain the age of 5 by Aug. 31, prior to the start of school in September.

Registration will be completed with the following items: Physical examination within one year prior to the start of school; complete immunization history signed by a doctor; certified birth certificate from city or town of birth and proof of lead screening. Please call the Early Childhood Center for registration/screening appointment. any questions, please call the school at 413-267-4160.

## Palmer Democrats to hold caucus, Feb. 22

PALMER – The Palmer Democratic Town Committee will hold its caucus on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., to elect delegates and alternates to the Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year's convention will be held on May 30, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the caucus starts at 10:30 a.m. The caucus is opened to all registered and pre-registered Democrats. This year's convention will be held on May 30, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. For more information go to massdems.org.

## Baystate blood drive

PALMER – Second Congregational Church will be hosting a Bay State Health mobile blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 2 to 8 p.m., in the church's parking lot located at 1080 Pleasant St. There is always a critical need for blood and every donation is life-saving. Making an appointment is highly recommended and can be done at <https://signup.com/go/qd-SUHjE> or call 413-794-4600 to schedule an appointment for Feb. 18. Walk-ins are also welcome.

A single blood donation can save up to two lives. Each year at Baystate Health, more than 6,300 of the its patients receive more than 19,000 transfusions of

blood products. Please give blood today and help save lives. All eligible donors will receive a choice of the following: Big Y gift card or Dunkin' gift card. Donor gifts are subject to change based on availability.

The Baystate Health Blood Donor Program supports Baystate Health, the region's only level 1 trauma center. All of the collected blood and platelet donations stay local and supply much needed blood products to all Baystate Medical Centers, Baystate Hospitals, D'Amour Center for Cancer Care and Neonatal and pediatric ICU.

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At the exhibit, Adams has many of her favorite photographs on display. One of these pictures is titled "Territorial Dispute," which showcases a hummingbird attempting to chase away a bee from a flower it wanted to rest on. Adams said that the picture was taken in her front yard last summer and was a considered a unique experience.

"When it was happening, I was freaking out, because it was an amazing thing to witness," said Adams. "The fact that I really managed to capture it was just amazing to me."

Another photo that she said is a favorite of hers is "Morning Light," which she took at her grandmother's house. Adams' grandmother Lorraine Story, has birdfeeders, which usually draw birds, specifically chickadees, to come and get a quick snack. One morning, while visiting Story, Adams noticed the sunlight coming behind and silhouetting a bird that was at the feeder. This prompted her to take a photo. "This one I was super excited about, because in this one, you can really see the detail in the photo," said Adams.

Adams does not rely solely on nature and birds to give her photographic

opportunities. She has also received a helping hand in her work from her family. An example of this is her photo titled, "Sunset Dance," which can also be viewed at the exhibit. It was taken during a family vacation at Cape Cod last October. When Adams noticed her sister, Rose Adams, dancing on the shore of the beach, she prompted her to move closer to the sunset taking place, to put together the photo she is currently showcasing.

When asked about how she feels about showcasing her work as a teenager, Adams said, "that it is a bit overwhelming, but also very exciting." She is also looking forward to sharing her photographs in a public space. "I'm really curious of what people think of my photos," said Adams. "I know that I love doing it, but I'm wondering what other people will think when they look at it. Will they see the same thing I do, or will they have they have different opinions on which ones were their favorites?"

Adams photo exhibit will be in the Palmer Library's community room until the end of February. To check out the exhibit, visit the library, located on 1455 North Main St., Palmer.

## Where is it!



*This week's hint?: It's in Monson and it may guide you to a park.*



**Last week's photo:**  
The answer to last week's photo is the River Hollow Family Gift Center on Hospital Road in Monson.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition, along with a new trivia photo for you to consider.

## DEADLINE

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## Monson Democrats to elect state convention delegates

MONSON – Registered Democrats in Monson will hold a caucus on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., at the Monson Polish Club, 7 Bliss Road, to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year's convention will be held on Saturday, May 30, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, MA where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss party business and prepare for upcoming elections.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Monson Democrats. Pre-registered Democrats who are 16 by Feb. 15, are allowed to participate and to run as a delegate or alternate. Monson can elect three delegates and three alternates to the convention.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or an alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at [www.massdems.org](http://www.massdems.org).

Those interested in getting involved with the Monson Democratic Town Committee should call Karen Nothe-Valley, chair at 413-846-3041.

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grams for students during break, and hopes to get as many students as possible.

"I really love school vacations because it gives us a chance to reach an audience that we don't have as much opportunity to get out to," said Meadow. "Every day we have lots of young visitors, but I love working with a bigger age of kids, and its just really fun to have them come into the library."

For more information on the library's programs, call 413-283-3330, or visit the library, located on 1455 N. Main St., Palmer.

At the Monson Free Library, the first program suited for students on break is an author event, titled "Jo's Book for Birds for Kids." Local author Josephine Gerweck will be present, sharing her love for birds, as well as her book, to commemorate National Bird Feeding Month. After the reading, families will be invited to make bird feeders, and will also have the chance to purchase the book.

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, the library will be hosting Story Time on the Go at the Quarry Hill Community Pool, located on 43 Margaret St. The program is free and open to all. Parents are also recommended to join in case their children cannot swim properly yet. To ensure adequate lifeguard staffing, registration is required.

On Thursday, Feb. 20, teens have the chance to spread some positivity through the libraries "Teen Volunteer Opportunity." During the event, Students from grades 7 to 12 are invited to arrive to the library at 4 p.m. and make watercolor cards with encouraging messages to leave around the library for guests to find. This event will also give students community service hours.

For information on any of these events, contact library director Sandy Courtney at 413-267-3866, email [monsonfl@cwmmars.org](mailto:monsonfl@cwmmars.org), or visit the library at 2 High St., Monson.

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The Palmer Senior Center Valentine's Party on Feb. 10 was well-attended.

## Lots of love at Palmer Senior Center

PALMER – The Palmer Senior Center held a Valentine's Party on Feb. 10, with Tommy Rull providing the entertainment. The event was made possible by a grant from the Palmer Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. A handmade crocheted blanket made by Chris Pascale, which was raffled off and won by Sandy Gilman, of Three Rivers.

**Sandy Gilman won the raffle prize, which was a crocheted blanket made by Chris Pascale.**



**Tommy Rull provided entertainment for the recent Valentines Party at Palmer Senior Center.**

## Gobi announces MVP grants for area towns

BOSTON – State Sen. Anne Gobi (D- Spencer) recently announced the release of grant funding for area towns through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program. The popular grant and designation program provides communities with funding and technical support to identify climate hazards, develop strategies to improve resilience, and implement priority actions to adapt to climate change. With these grants, 82 percent of Massachusetts cities and towns are now enrolled in the MVP program.

When asked for comment on the grant funding, Gobi said, "My communities and communities throughout the commonwealth are always working towards more sustainability and resiliency. These funds allow the communities to plan and take action on what is right for them. I appreciate the support of the Baker-Polito administration and I am glad to continue to support MVP in the budget."

Over \$1 million in MVP Planning Grants were awarded to 38 cities and towns to pursue a community-led plan-

ning process to identify vulnerabilities to climate change and priority actions. Results of the workshops and planning efforts inform existing local plans, grant applications, and policies. When complete, these municipalities will be eligible for MVP Action Grants to implement priority on-the-ground projects.

North Brookfield will receive \$25,000 and Sturbridge will receive \$15,000.

In addition to the planning grants, over \$10.5 million in MVP Action Grants were awarded to 52 cities, towns or regional partnerships to implement projects that build local resilience to climate change in the Commonwealth's third round of MVP Action Grant funding.

From the Senator's district, the town of Monson will be receiving a \$75,000 action grant for an energy resiliency project at the Town Hall/ EOC/Police Headquarters Facility, and Palmer will receive a \$26,000 grant for culvert replacement on Route 181 and \$112,500 for improvements to their Comprehen-

sive Master Plan.

Projects are focused on proactive strategies to address climate change impacts and may include retrofitting and adapting infrastructure, detailed vulnerability assessments or design and engineering studies, storm water upgrades, dam retrofits and removals, culvert upgrades, drought mitigation, actions to protect environmental justice communities and improve public health, energy resilience, mosquito control initiatives, and implementing nature-based solutions such as wetland restoration and floodplain protection.

MVP supports implementation of the State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan, released in September 2018, provided a national model of integrating hazard mitigation priorities with forward-looking climate change data and solutions. The plan engaged over 500 stakeholders and is the first in the nation to fully integrate federal hazard mitigation planning requirements, with a proactive approach to addressing the impacts from climate change. The plan

is implemented within state government by the Resilient MA Action Team, an inter-agency team launched in August by Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito an inter-agency team led by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, and staffed by designated climate change coordinators from each Executive Office. In its first year, the Resilient MA Action Team will provide guidance and decision-making for plan implementation, further refine priority actions and ensure actions are integrated into agency practice and policy. The RMAT will also be exploring development of climate resilience standards for state agencies and a resilience evaluation for the annual capital planning process to ensure that investments are climate-smart.

For more information on the plan, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-program>.

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# Viewpoints

## Celebrating and expanding the ABLE Act

By Deborah B. Goldberg  
Guest columnist

When the Achieving a Better Life Experience, or the ABLE Act was passed into law, many Americans with disabilities were empowered to save for qualified expenses without fear of losing their much-needed federal and state benefits. This was a major step forward for those deserving such support.

Now, just over five years after the ABLE Act was passed into law, we have the chance to expand this legislation to include a much larger group of our disabled Americans. The ABLE Age Adjustment Act seeks to build upon the law's primary success, and accelerate the progress achieved over the next five years.

Prior to ABLE's passage in December 2014, disabled Americans risked losing means-tested benefits, such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income, any time they saved over \$2,000 in their own name. The ABLE Act recognized the extra significant costs of living with a disability, allowing individuals to contribute up to \$15,000 annually. However, an age cap in the law causes millions of Americans who acquire disabilities after the age of 26 to remain ineligible to enroll in ABLE's programs.

As president of the National Association of State Treasurers and as Massachusetts state Treasurer, I have seen firsthand the positive impact ABLE has had on the lives of disabled individuals and their families. More and more people are enrolling every day, and as of June 2019 almost 46,000 accounts have been opened, with a total of \$259.8 million in assets and an average individual account balance of \$5,656.

Brian Guay of Bedford, is a perfect example of someone whose life has been changed by this program. He receives his federal benefits, works three jobs, and saves into his Massachusetts ABLE account without harming his other benefits. He has both a special needs trust and an ABLE account. His parents say that while he doesn't fully understand what the trust does, he completely understands how his ABLE account works and goes to the local Fidelity branch every month to make deposits. Brian's experience highlights the tremendous value of ABLE accounts. They are easy to understand and provide immediate access to funds that pay for qualified disability expenses. Having this account has had an extraordinarily positive impact on Guay's life.

While enrollment is growing and the success of the program is clear, new legislation will enhance its impact enormously. By lifting the age cap, millions more Americans will have the same opportunity as Brian Guay.

Last year, the ABLE Age Adjustment Act was introduced in the Senate by Sens. Bob Casey (D-Pa.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), and Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) and in the House by Reps. Tony Cardenas (D-Calif.) and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.). The bill would raise the age of eligibility of participants from 26 to 46. This change is essential as so many individuals, most notably veterans, often become disabled later in life.

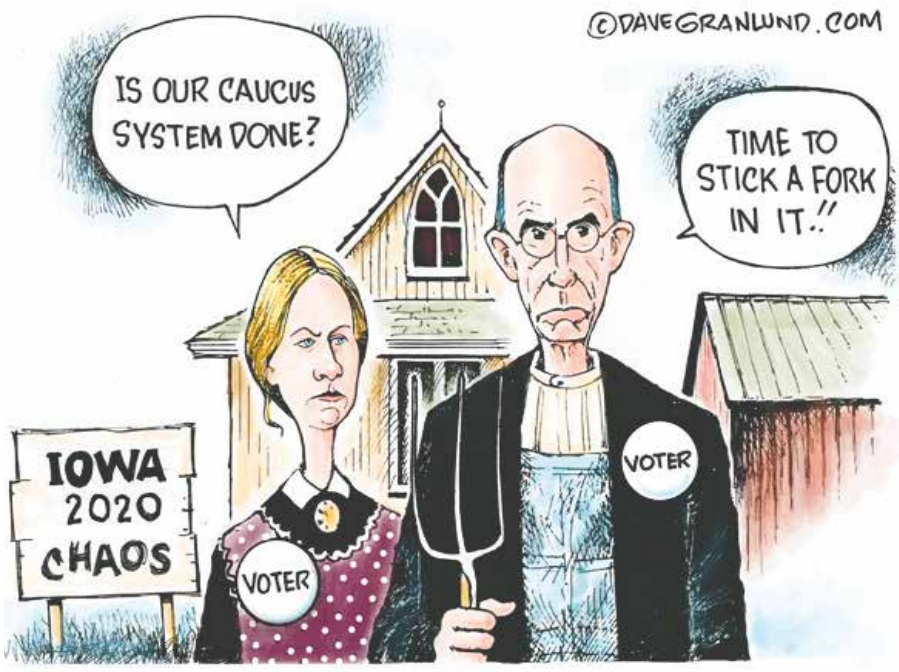
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics as of August 2018, more than 4 million veterans reported a service-oriented disability. A large portion of these veterans are over the age of 26 and are presently ineligible for ABLE. Passage of the ABLE Age Adjustment Act would enhance the quality of their lives and those of their family's also.

At the NAST's February Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., state treasurers from across the country will come together to discuss some of the most pressing issues affecting the country and individual states. The ABLE Age Adjustment Act will be a major focus as we look for more ways to improve individuals' financial wellness across the country.

Many Americans with disabilities can now confidently save for their future through ABLE. However, too many others continue to live under constant financial stress, balancing saving for expenses against the option of receiving crucial government benefits. These two options should not be mutually exclusive.

By passing the ABLE Age Adjustment Act, we can ensure that more people have access to ABLE programs, helping them achieve greater security and stability throughout their lives.

Deborah B. Goldberg is president of the National Association of State Treasurers and Massachusetts State Treasurer.



## Cook up some fun this vacation week

We all know that kids can be picky eaters, especially when it comes to vegetables. This winter vacation why not spend an afternoon or two together in the kitchen, cooking a vegetable-based dish? If the kids had fun making dinner, chances are pretty good that they, at very least, will want to sample some of their creation.

Among my favorite cookbooks are "Recipes from a Kitchen Garden" and "More Recipes from a Kitchen Garden" by Renee Shepherd and Fran Raboff. Both are chock-full of appetizing ways to use veggies, edible flowers and herbs in all sorts of tasty dishes. Surely the kids will be tempted to try "Glazed Carrots with Mint Sauce." Or, how about the same veggie with a maple and orange glaze? If your kids prefer their vegetables disguised in dessert, these books have you covered as well. Try "Marmalade Carrot Squares," for a rich, chocolaty surprise. Recipes are arranged by vegetable, so you can easily turn to your child's favorite, or least favorite, should you wish to encourage a broadening of the palate. Both cookbooks are available online at [www.reneesgarden.com](http://www.reneesgarden.com) or by phone 888-880-7228.

If you do end up making one of the above recipes, take out an extra, whole carrot and set it aside for the following science experiment. Here you will teach the kids what the term "biennial" means. It's likely that older children with a bit of gardening experience under their belt will have an idea what an "annual" is. Like a tomato or marigold, an annual completes its life cycle (growing, flowering, fruiting, seeding and dying) in a single season. They may even have an idea that "perennials," such as phlox or daylilies return to the same spot in the garden year after year. Although perennials die back to the ground with the arrival of winter, their roots and crown remain

alive and send forth new topgrowth come springtime.

"Biennial" has always been a bit more tricky to understand. I like to think of this type of plant as a combination of the above. A biennial takes two seasons to complete its lifecycle. The first year it grows vegetatively, in other words, it produces lots of greens. In year two, the plant will produce flowers, then fruits, and finally, will drop its seed before expiring. Foxgloves and Canterbury bells are popular old-fashioned biennial flowers. Carrots, as well as onions, parsnips, rutabagas and turnips are biennial vegetables.

Plant the carrot in a container of potting soil and stand back to experience a biennial's second season. A week or so after planting, hairy roots will form on the orange flesh, anchoring it in place. Soon, ferny aromatic foliage will spring from the carrot's top. Six weeks or so later a stem will shoot up from the center of the leaves, followed by flowers that resemble Queen Anne's Lace (they are relatives). Once pollinated, seeds will form, that, if allowed to drop to the ground, would start the whole process over again. If children are too young to care about mastering gardening terminology, plant the carrot anyway, they are certain to get a kick out of a carrot "houseplant!"

Whether you cook with your veggies or subject them to science experiments, it's fun to bring the outdoors in this winter vacation.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

### IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

## College visits, scholarship

**MONSON** – The Counseling Department at Monson High School announces the following programs. Anyone with questions about any of these items should contact the Counseling Office at 267-4589, ext.1108.

**WINTER VACATION** – Students will not have school the week of Feb. 17. School will re-open on Monday, Feb. 24.

**MARCH 14 SAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – The regular registration deadline for the March 14th administration of the SAT is Friday, Feb. 14. Students should register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or see the Counseling Office for more information.

**MID-YEAR SCHOOL REPORT** – Seniors are reminded that they should submit their college Mid-Year School report forms to their counselor as soon as possible.

**2020-21 SCHEDULING PROCESS** – Students in grades 9-11 will begin the scheduling process during the week of February 24. Counselors will meet with all

students in small groups to distribute the Program of Studies and other relevant information. Course selection day will be on Friday, March 6 with signed forms due back on Tuesday, March 10.

**COLLEGE PREP NIGHT** – The Counseling Department is sponsoring College Prep Night on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the cafetorium. In addition to a presentation by the counseling staff, representatives from a private college, public university and community college will be present to discuss admission requirements at their respective institutions. Families will also receive a packet of materials regarding the college admission and financial aid process. The program is free and open to the public.

**AP DEPOSITS** – Any student enrolled in a spring only Advanced Placement (AP) class must indicate whether they want to take an AP exam in May and pay a \$40 non-refundable deposit no later than Monday, Feb. 24.

a red-breasted merganser on South Pond in Southwick, a Merlin at Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Northampton, a varied thrush in Westhampton, a hermit thrush at Ashley Falls and Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge and eight Savannah sparrows in Sheffield.

### Central Massachusetts bird sightings

There were two lesser scaup seen at the Westborough Wildlife Management Area, a red-breasted merganser at the Wachusett Reservoir and four sand hill cranes in Lancaster. A hermit

thrush was seen in Orange and 105 brown-headed cowbirds near Moore State Park in Paxton.

### Cape Cod sightings

A western tanager continues at a feeder in Sandwich. There were also rare records of late-lingering warblers. They included a northern parula in South Orleans and a black-throated blue warbler in Wellfleet, both at private feeders.

### Bluebirds

A Ware woman emailed, "Up, until this year, we've always enjoyed our short, spring visits from the beau-

## When heart art is everywhere

In February, the heart themes are everywhere. During the early days and remaining weeks of the month the National Heart Association advocates learning about heart health for everyone no matter what their age..

Then, in New England, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day arrives near the middle of the month bringing warmth into typically dark, dreary, wintry days.

February is also the time when classrooms are brightened with red and pink hearts on themed bulletin boards, and in school corridors. It's when brick and mortar merchants decorate aisles with intriguing, lovely household items offering sales that make your heart skip a beat or two. And, it's when grocery stores offer all shapes and sizes of Valentine boxes of cookies, chocolates and magnificent desserts.

Heart art and Valentines appear just about everywhere. Even after February.

Reportedly, "Once upon an almost lifetime ago, because of an overcrowded airline flight, a couple unexpectedly got 'bumped' when returning from a business trip. Surprisingly they qualified for free, round-trip tickets to anywhere in the U.S.A."

They used the free tickets to fly to sunny Florida visiting family and experiencing new, first-hand southern hospitality. On a Sunday morning they visited a nearby church. They met a "Hi Ya'll" visitor hostess who put a bright red, bold-white-lettered heart sticker reading: 'YOU ARE LOVED!!' onto their clothing. Later on in the morning service, all visitors wearing the red-heart stickers were welcomed again.

Further conversations revealed: "After enjoying days visiting family, sun and surf, on their flight home- for sentimental reasons, the wife wanted to savor warm memories and put her 'I LOVE YOU' sticker inside her pocket-sized calendar. But, her husband's sticker was missing."

About a week later, another business appointment brought that couple to a neighboring state, less than a two-hour drive away, to a computer company's large corporate headquarters.

"Want to come along?" the wife was asked. Reportedly, within a single bound, office work, laptop, light snacks and coffee were packed.

Enjoying the comfortable, accommodating lobby, the visiting spouse watched her husband and throngs of other business participants wait in line and have his/her name checked and get their identification badges.

Waiting was easy. Computer work done; informational presentation over. Quickly the couple joined the bustling crowd winding through the lobby, waiting for elevators, then streaming out the doors, down the carpeted corridors and outside into the tiered, concrete parking garage.

When finally driving onto the clear, open highway, a sunny cloudless sky added to the feeling of a successful day with a good, solid, sales and product presentation given by driver for his employer's business firm.

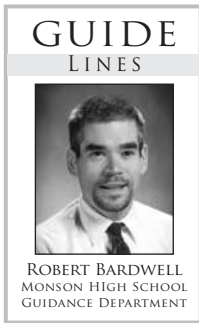
Reportedly, "The couple decided to drive on the thruway. Then stop for dinner. About 45 minutes later they pulled into a restaurant's parking lot. When reaching to release his seatbelt, the driver saw a flaming-red, 'YOU ARE LOVED!' heart sticker stuck knee-high on his left pants leg."

Apparently the conversation went like this: "How long has this been here?"

"WHAT'S been WHERE?"

Gasps. Groans. Over-all embarrassment. "But, maybe it was the heartiest presentation ever?" Side-splitting, knee-slapping, tear-streaming laughter rocked the little parked car.

Hmm. Reportedly, after February heart art can be anywhere.



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## Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Douglas Farmer at 413-283-8393.

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## In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this vesper sparrow.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a vesper sparrow in Hadley. The vesper sparrow is a fairly large sparrow about six inches long with a chunky body, a fairly small conical bill and a long, notched tail. Distinguishing features include a thin white eye ring, streaked breast and white outer tail feathers seen in flight. It is a brown sparrow with streaking.

Since it sings mostly in the eve-

ning, it got the name – vesper sparrow. Its song is throatier than the song sparrow. It usually begins with two clear notes, followed by two higher notes. It inhabits grasslands and fields across much of the northern United States and Canada.

### Other western Mass. bird sightings

Other western Massachusetts bird sightings included two Lapland longspurs in Hadley, two buffleheads at South Hadley Canal Park, six common golden eyes at Cobin's Neck in Sheffield and two at the Stockbridge Bowl. People also reported





Looking Back

Compiled by Bruce Coulter



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Open House held at Palmer Library Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gearon, Mrs. Lucille Judkins, trustee; Mrs. Edward Pelletier, librarian; and James St. Amand.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Ready for Heart Sunday in Palmer are these workers who met recently. Left to right: Mrs. Walter Cameron, chairman; Mrs. Evo Righi, representing Heart Association; and five workers who had open heart surgery: Mrs. Charles Lockwood, Mrs. William Maus, Mrs. George Moreschi, Donna Philibotte and Joseph Riel.

25 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1995 ...

Palmer, Monson departments each awarded funds for officer

By Lisa Hofbauer and Tina Lak

PALMER – Palmer and Monson were each awarded \$75,000 Tuesday for one new police officer by the U.S. Department of Justice, the largest amount disbursed to any community with a population under 50,000.

However, Palmer officials expressed dismay over the amount they had applied for and hoped for funding for three police officers.

Palmer’s Acting Police Chief Robert Frydryk had applied for the one-time COPS FAST grant in late November.

Frydryk had hoped for at least two officers. Frydryk has said in the past that the force needs 20 officers. There are currently 13 members of Palmer’s police force.

Town officials disappointed

Chairman of Palmer’s Board of Selectmen Larry Jasak was surprised to learn that the department only received enough money for one officer.

“That’s all?” Jasak questioned. “Boy. I’m disappointed. I guess. I was hoping that we’d get at least three, or at least a minimum of two.”

Jasak said that they would consider a proposal from Frydryk if he sought additional town funding for more officers.

“I’d have to talk it over with the board first, but I think we are all in agreement that we’d like to increase the size of the police force.”

Selectman James St. Amand was also disappointed with the amount of the award.

“We requested three and obviously we would have been pleased with that,” St. Amand said. “Well work with what has been dealt us. I’m a bit disappointed, but we’ll take that one position and go on accordingly.”

“Quite frankly, I was hoping to get at least two.”

St. Amand said he would discuss any future funding by the town for added police officers with the board.

“There is an obvious need for added police protection in Palmer,” he added.

The COPS FAST grant will pay for 75 percent of the total salary and benefits of an officer for three years. The average salary for a Palmer police officer is \$25,000, with an additional \$9,500 in benefits.

The remaining 25 percent

would be paid by local tax dollars, and by using part of the \$54,000 appropriated by the town in September for two full-time officers.

Most communities received less than requested amount

No communities with a population under 50,000 received more than \$75,000.

“Most communities didn’t get what they asked for – it was based solely on population,” Nisharna Jackson, state press secretary for Sen. John Kerry said.

The money for the additional officer was distributed through the COPS FAST program, which targeted cities and towns with populations under 50,000.

COPS FAST awarded \$2,025,000 to 26 communities in western and central Massachusetts.

The program works in conjunction with the Violent Crime and Control Act of 1994, which was approved with the intent to supplement the amount of law enforcement personnel in urban and rural areas.

The next round of funding, COPS MORE, will distribute \$200 million nationwide: This round is designed to help police departments shift duties of officers from administrative to walking the beat.

Frydryk said, that the Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Agency will also be disbursing this money on a regional basis, and that the Palmer Police Department will apply for more funds through that program.

COPS AHEAD, the program for towns with populations above 50,000, awarded Holyoke \$225,000 for three officers. Holyoke was the only town given funds for that many officers.

Shutesbury was allocated the least amount of funds from COPS FAST: \$45,540 for one officer.

The state Massachusetts will receive \$175 million in total from COPS FAST.

Chet TOPOR raises \$11,075 for Make-A-Wish

By Barbara Slater

THREE RIVERS— “True happiness is helping others,” Chet Topor said.

Chet Topor set a goal to collect \$11,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and in just two months surpassed his goal, reaching \$11,075 dollars, through donations from his customers at Topor Furniture in Three Rivers, friends of Palmer Rotary and business associates in the community.

“It is not because of me alone. It is a lot of caring people pulling together as a team.”

Chet Topor got involved in the



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: They just kept piling up... Five accidents occurred almost simultaneously Monday morning in the vicinity of Thorndike, Park and Converse streets. No one was seriously injured, but the officers at the scene sent for the ambulance twice. (Photo by Bob Flathers)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: Chet Topor, owner of Topor Furniture, located at 37 Main St., Three Rivers, poses at his store. (Photo by Barbara Slater)

foundation in 1990 after attending a Make-A-Wish Board-of Directors meeting.

“I was inspired by the dedication of the volunteers. These were busy people from all kinds of occupations, who made time for the children,” he said.

Topor himself became a proud Board of Director for Make-A-Wish this past December.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants a favorite wish of children up to age 18, who are diagnosed as terminally ill or have a life-threatening illness.

Providing special memories of joy and laughter that is dramatically different from hospitals, doctors and grimaces of discomfort is the foundation’s goal. Some of the wishes have been for a Disney vacation, a computer, or to meet celebrities such as Barney, Arnold Schwarzenegger or Roger Clemens.

In fulfilling the wish of the child, the program covers all expenses involved for the entire family, such as airline tickets, rental cars, meals and sometimes lost salary as a result of parents taking off from work.

The average cost of a wish is \$3,600. They have never had to turn a child down due to lack of funds yet.

The foundation raises money through celebrity fashion shows, softball games, an annual Star Trek convention and private donations.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western Massachusetts, located on the campus of Springfield Technical Community College is holding their single largest fundraising event of the year, Fashion Fantasy Weekend. On Saturday, March 4, dine with the stars from soap operas such as “General Hospital,” One Life to Live” and “Loving” at Chez Josef in Agawam, or on March 5, watch fashions modeled by stars and local celebrities. “Through your support in this weekend fundraiser we can continue to grant the wishes of our special children who may be facing few tomorrows,” explained Richard Verville, executive director of the Western Massachusetts region.

For tickets or further information on how you can make wishes come true call, 1-413-733-WISH.

H&R Block fire no taxing situation for customers

By Lisa Hofbauer



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Monson Nurse in Vietnam Lt. Cdr. Natalie Marcotte, of Monson, a member of the Nurse Corps, U. S. Navy, is shown teaching a Vietnamese nursing student at the Station Hospital in Da Nang, Vietnam. Marcotte, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Marcotte, formerly of Monson, entered the Navy in 1958 and has previously served at naval hospitals at San Diego, Newport, R. I., Argentia, Newfoundland, and as an instructor at the Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Guests of honor at a dinner at the Quaboag Country Club in Monson last Saturday evening was recently retired Wing Memorial Hospital Interim Administrator Otto G. Bodemer and Mrs. Bodemer on the right, shown with newly appointed Administrator Edwin C. Thorn and Mrs. Thorn, on the left. Seated at the table were Chief of Staff Dr. and Mrs. Harry Anton, Mr. and Mrs. Thorn, President of Wing Hospital Association Francis Sinervo and Mrs. Sinervo, Mr. and Mrs. Bodemer, Chairman of the Board of Managers Donald Snow and Mrs. Snow, and President of the medical staff, Dr. Ralph Brown and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Snow served as toastmaster of the event.

PALMER - Most people dream of walking into work one morning and discovering that the whole place burned down the night before. For the employees of H & R Block in the Holbrook Building, that dream became a nightmarish reality on Jan. 17.

“I was standing at my daughter’s bus stop and one of the other women there told me that she had heard about the fire on the radio,” H&R Block employee Robin White said. “I Went to see for myself, and saw my boss standing across the street We just stood there and watched it.”

One fact prevented the day from being a total disaster for H&R employees and customers all though all the computers were destroyed the office was able to save almost all of their tax information. Only the forms done on Monday were damaged: The early morning blaze that ripped through the entire building caused 18 businesses to stop operating. H & R Block incurred mostly smoke and water damage.

The tax forms get printed at another location, so the only damaged forms were those done on Monday but not yet processed. About 10 customers had to wait an extra day for their returns.

“They were soaked, just sitting



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: Monson’s Erica Hull heads into the teeth of the Belchertown defense as she scans the positions of her teammates. Monson led from stem to stern, beating the Orioles, 40-26. (Photo by Bob Flathers)

in a pool of water,” Manager Joe Santucci said of the damaged forms.

A restoration service helped the company dry out most of the documents. An H & R Block employee was with the restoration people at all times and all reconstruction work was done in complete confidence.

New tax forms were reconstructed within a week.

The company also stores tax information on backup computer disks, which were kept in a plastic container under a counter – more for convenience than fire damage prevention. All of the water that was sprayed near the disks landed on the counter. The disks were still usable.

This was good news to all the customers who have H&R Block do their taxes that are due April 15.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Guests of honor at a dinner at the Quaboag Country Club in Monson last Saturday evening was recently retired Wing Memorial Hospital Interim Administrator Otto G. Bodemer and Mrs. Bodemer on the right, shown with newly appointed Administrator Edwin C. Thorn and Mrs. Thorn, on the left. Seated at the table were Chief of Staff Dr. and Mrs. Harry Anton, Mr. and Mrs. Thorn, President of Wing Hospital Association Francis Sinervo and Mrs. Sinervo, Mr. and Mrs. Bodemer, Chairman of the Board of Managers Donald Snow and Mrs. Snow, and President of the medical staff, Dr. Ralph Brown and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Snow served as toastmaster of the event.

“Luckily, that wasn’t one of our busier days. This week is much busier,” Santucci said last Thursday.

“I took a look at the building and I heard from some other people that they (H&R Block) had a lot of water damage, not much fire damage,” Palmer resident and perennial H&R Block customer Frank Zawalski said. “I called the number and they told me they were setting up an office over where the old Big Y was...they told me they had all my files.”

Another H & R Block customer who asked not to be identified said that they had an appointment to go there the day the building burned.

“My sister-in-law called me and said that the building was on fire,” the customer said. “I was planning on going over to Ware, but they called me before I went.”

Surprisingly enough, the employees who got to skip work until Jan. 25, weren’t all that happy about the fire.

“We’ve got people here who have been working here for years,” White said of her co-workers. “Most were pretty upset.

All H & R Block employees are part-time workers who get paid by the hour.

After the fire calls from concerned customers were routed to an-

other office. H & R Block’s District Manager, Carol Woods, said she started searching for a new location the day of the fire.

“As I watched the water flowing out the door, I realized we wouldn’t be up and operating by tax season,” she said. “We were lucky this happened when it did. The following week would have been insane.”

Woods signed a 15-month lease for the new Palmer Place office. There is a chance that H&R Block may relocate back to the old Main Street location once rehabilitation plans are made for the site.

There’s no hurry in moving back to the Main Street locations. Most people don’t find the new H&R Block location anymore taxing to get to than the old one, White quipped.

“They seem to like this place even better,” she said, because there’s more parking.”

50 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970 ...

Mrs. Cameron Heads Palmer Heart Drive

Mrs. Walter Cameron, Jr., Heart Sunday chairman, wishes to thank all the volunteers that have agreed to help with the 1970 Heart Fund campaign in Palmer. She also wishes to thank Mrs. Donald Philibotte for all her assistance in setting up the campaign and for all the extra fundraising efforts she has carried out. A thank you to Mrs. George Rogers for her help at First Bank on Heart Sunday.

The wide-ranging activities of the Heart Association, research, public and professional education and community service, are supported by the Heart Fund campaign, conducted throughout February in more than 8,500 American communities.

High point and climax of the month-long campaign is Heart Sunday, Feb. 24, when the volunteers call on their neighbors to receive Heart Fund contributions and distributed literature about the heart and its disorders.

The following are Heart Sunday Volunteers who will be calling on their neighbors in Palmer:

Mrs. William Minns, Mrs. Alfred Gurlick, Mrs. Albert Minns, Miss Gail Reynolds, Mrs. George DuComb, Mrs. Edward Kryniwicz, Mrs. James Theodore, Mrs. Kenneth Sherman, Mrs. Melvin Marcy, Mrs. Anthony Skowrya, Mrs. Edgar Thomas, Mrs. Herbert Reynolds, Mr. Robert Lavolette, Mrs. Arthur Buchard, Mrs. Charles Kenegar, Mrs. Walter Staback, Mrs. Paul Nahabedian, Mrs. Alfred Brysh, Mrs. Patrick Turley, Mrs. Charles Bouchard, Mrs. Robert Bigos, Miss Cynthia Bigos, Mrs. Warren Tyler, Mrs. Thaddeus Nadolski, Mrs. Paul Brouillette, Mrs. Dwight Holbrook, Mrs. Stanley Barrett, Mrs. Nellie Zajac, Mr. Donald Phillibotte, Mrs. Eugene Mailman, Mrs. Peter Supka, Mrs. J. S. Stephenson, Mrs. Harold Crane, Mrs. Reginaki Molleur, Mrs. James Duffy, Miss Noll Duffy, Miss Brenda Duffy, Miss Marsha Duffy, Miss Karen Duffy, Mrs. Richard Herbert, Mrs. Edward Kos, Mrs. Bruce French, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Edward Kulpa, Mrs. Albia Chorbak, Mrs. Mary Hubert, Mrs. Richard Stockwell, Miss Donna Phillibotte, Miss Debbie Phillibotte, Mrs. Frances Moran, Mrs. Dan Kogarty, Mrs. Bernard Meyer, Mrs. Donald McAdam, Mrs. Paul Camyre, Mrs. Charles Lockwood, Mrs. Al Lavolette, Miss Karyn Phillibotte, Mrs. Stanley Pent, Mrs. Arthur Outhuse, Mrs. William Rogers, Mrs. Joseph LaBonte, Mrs. Robert Peritz, Miss Dawn Corn, Miss Barbara Wilder, Mrs. Richard Plotizik, Mrs. Seth Wesson, Mrs. Ken Peterson, and Mrs. Robert Bishop.

Palmer Library Has 400 AT Open House

Palmer Public Library entertained between 300 and 400 guests at an open house Sunday afternoon. The occasion marked the official reopening of the Library’s Circulation, Reference and Main Reading Rooms. The redecoration or this portion of the Library marked the completion of the second phase of

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# Hitchcock Free Academy School Vacation Week

Monday, Feb. 17

REMINDER: Students may sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on our website: [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org). It is located at 2 Brookfield St. in Brimfield.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit [www.weight-watchers.com](http://www.weight-watchers.com) to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

ART GROUP: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Students should bring their own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

WATERCOLOR: 9:30 a.m. to noon. For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call 413.245.3295.

BUDDIES DOG TRAINING: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (six classes) A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor is Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work.

Thursday, Feb. 20

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

K9 NOSEWORK 7 to 8:30 p.m. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (six classes) Fee: \$145. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork National Association of Canine Scent Work

Friday, Feb. 21

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

K9 NOSEWORK 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (six classes) Fee: \$145. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor-National Association of Canine Scent Work

TAI CHI: 9 – 11 a.m. Each-two hour seminar will include a variety of Tai Chi and Chi Kung. Instructor: David Masera. Fee: \$24. Pre-registration is a must.

## Gobi holds coffee and conversation event

PALMER – State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, invites the public for coffee and conversation on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St. For more information please contact District Director Lucas Diarmid at 413-324-3082 or [lucas.mcdiarmid@MAsenate.gov](mailto:lucas.mcdiarmid@MAsenate.gov).

## A night of social media education will be paired with the perfect wine

HARDWICK – Let’s Get Social: Chikmedia and Healthy Town Living will be hosting a night of social media and personal branding education paired with the perfect wine from local vineyard, Hardwick Vineyard and Winery, on Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Hardwick Winery, 3305 Greenwich Road. These local businesses are teaming up to shape the future of local female entrepreneurs, while indulging in local, tasty treats.

The social media and personal branding workshop will cover all the basics and share knowledge on the vital components needed to launch a comprehensive, effective personal brand. Trends, demographics and successful tips on how to brand yourself effectively will be covered, along with the ins and outs of the social media platforms that fuel the success of a campaign. The workshop will cover the must-haves for a professional online presence and will teach what types of content works best and where it should be posted to engage more followers.

Healthy Town Living, a partner in this event, crafts her own recipes or modifies others, to make them healthier. Owner Donna Holden’s mission is to inspire and educate others to live a healthy life by creating recipes that can show the community how to turn locally-grown ingredients into healthy and satisfying recipes. Healthy Town Living will be work with Reeds Country Store and local farms to create a delicious, healthy meal, which will nicely with a glass of local wine from Hardwick Vineyard and Winery for guests to enjoy.

“I am so excited to bring Chikmedia to Hardwick,” said Holden. “We

have a lot of amazing female entrepreneurs and businesses in this rural area that can really benefit from this type of event. Sometimes we get forgotten about out here in the country, so I love to showcase and remind people to look locally before they go searching beyond for food or services. I also love that this is a wonderful time for our community to come together to network and appreciate what they are bringing to this area.”

“This workshop is intended to be for all levels of social media users: those who have just started, and those who are looking to fine tune their skills,” said Meghan Rothschild, owner and president of Chikmedia. “In today’s world, keeping up to date on the latest is critical to success, and this workshop will do just that.”

Chikmedia is a boutique firm that puts an emphasis on female-run organizations and women business owners; offering strategic marketing planning and creative public relations. Started by award-winning women, Chikmedia seeks to improve marketing campaigns, target messaging and create campaigns that reflect individual business personalities.

Healthy Town Living is an online destination for all things, healthy living and eating. Holden, lives an active lifestyle who loves to cook and eat healthy, “real” food. Intrigued by what food can do to a person, and how food choices can influence the way a body feels, she crafts her own recipes or modifies others, to make them healthier.

Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Meghan Rothschild at [Meghan@chikmedia.us](mailto:Meghan@chikmedia.us).

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or two or even three, the numbers are five to eight at a time. We have great seed and meal worms, but not caviar.”

Bluebirds that visit feeders in the winter are a wonderful sight to behold. I had up to five bluebirds off and on in January. I have not seen them lately, although I continue to put out mealworms. Tufted titmice and black-capped chickadees like mealworms as well.

### Mealworms

I also give a handful to my chickens every morning. My Speckled Sussex hen is very fond of them and flies

up to grab them out of my hand. All the members of my flock except one like them. The newest member of my flock, Miss Cluck Cluck, does not eat them. Miss Cluck Cluck does not live in the henhouse; she is a stuffed toy chicken of unknown breed that has a place of honor in my house. She was a birthday gift from three of my grandchildren.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505 or emailing [backyard88@aol.com](mailto:backyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com).

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work you’ve already done to help kids like mine get the services they need,” she wrote.” But my son’s story is evidence that this work is far from over. He tells me that he wants to stay here at the hospital because it’s hopeless and he’s just going to keep getting worse if he goes home. He’s escalating rapidly, and I worry about what will happen when he’s older and bigger, about whether I’ll be able to help or contain him. I need you to try even harder to help him before it’s too late.” There was a collective gasp in the room when Patrissi read he was 9.

Gobi said the State Legislature was working on a bill to make mental health services on a par with physical healthcare, and it would also put the authority in the clinician’s hands as to what services were needed instead of under the control of insurance companies.

“There are lot of good hinges in this bill,” she said, with legislators having until Wednesday afternoon to offer amendments to it.

She also said at Blackstone Valley Regional School District, a partnership had been created with a clinician who has an office in the schools and treats all her patients from that location. That way she is available to the schools when they need her, she said.

The bill would also put licensing clinicians under the Department of Health, not the Division of Professional Licensure as it is now.

Sullivan said his office sees the lack of mental health services for adolescents every day as it tries to divert young people from the court system and find places for them to get help. He said there is a lack of residential treatment centers and there is not parity between mental health and physical health services but there needs to be. He said his office frequently sees families in crisis.

Ware School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo said the district has had an open position for mental health services that has gone unfilled since last summer due to a lack of qualified candidates.

### Other issues

Abigail Duda, member of a Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance subcommittee researching how to create and fund a peer addiction recovery center in Ware, asked if there were funds available for such a project.

It was also pointed out that certain grant monies can’t be used for recovery coaches, but there are very much in need in the Quaboag Hills area.

Gobi said there might be money from other line items available if it were looked for, but to create a new line item in any state budget is always difficult.

“I can’t think of a more deserving area than this one for a peer recovery center,” said Sullivan, who said he was willing to support efforts to create one.

Nekr Jenkins also asked about funding for nicotine cessation services for teenagers, who can’t access such services because they are not 18. She said since teenagers have started vaping with electronic cigarettes, they need help to quit.

### PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

As a free service for our readers, we will print all births, weddings, engagements, milestone anniversaries, major birthdays, military achievements, honors and awards. We have a “people news” form available for you to submit these listings. This material is provided to us by our readers and local institutions and we do not charge to print this content. For more information, or to submit people or milestone news for The Journal Register, please email [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com).

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the library’s total interior renovation. In 1969, the nonfiction stack area and office were completely rejuvenated. Prior to that time, the Youth Room was given a new look and later this year plans call for the completion of interior work on the Fiction Room.

The work on the main Reading Room included the complete repainting and refurbishing of the entire area. New walnut shelving, wall-to-wall carpeting, a new circulation desk, study tables and chairs, lounge chairs a new periodical section and a new display case are included in the work that was accomplished.

In conjunction with the reopening, the Library introduced a new collection of works produced and contributed by students at Palmer High School, working under the direction of Charles DiMascola. A separate work by DiMascola, an oil painting of the Palmer Railroad Station, was shown for the first

time. The last was a personal gift from DiMascola to the library. Students also gave the library a specially selected group of pottery pieces produced at the School. The Library also re-introduced a rare portrait of George Washington painted on glass.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Gordon F. Dean, former Head Librarian and Mrs. Ralph Hatch, former Assistant Librarian poured. A Waterford Crystal Bowl was presented to Mrs. Hatch by the Trustees in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the library.

Among the many guests who attended Sunday afternoons event were representatives of the Palmer Board of Selectmen, State Representative Alexander Lolas, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Leo Santucci, members of the School Committee, the Town Finance Committee, and representatives from other area libraries, including the Forbes Library in Northampton and the East Longmeadow Public Library.

Officers of the Library Board of Trustees include Waiter A. Haggerty, President, Mrs. E. Francis McManus, Vice President, Mrs. James W. Duffy, Secretary and Mr. William H. Mans, Treasurer. Other Trustees include Mr. James J. Bacon, Mr. Theodore N. Bonnayer, Mrs. Lucille Judkins, Mr. Alphonse E. Murray Jr., Mr. John O’Brien and Mr. Francis Sinervo.

### MONSON SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION IN VIETNAM

Army Pvt. Alan Berry, 20, of Silva Street, Monson, died in action in Vietnam Feb. 2.

His parents, Robert and Marie (Nichols) Berry, said that two Army sergeants from Springfield brought the news.

His mother said a letter from her son told of his being pinned down by enemy forces six days in January starting Jan. 10 and during that time two men were killed and three wounded and more than 300 Viet Cong were killed. He said he was cited and expected to receive a medal for the action.

Pvt. Berry was born Sept. 11, 1949 in Monson and attended Monson High School. He enlisted in the Army in June 1969, and received his basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.

He volunteered for service in Vietnam and was assigned to the 169th Infantry, First Division.

Besides his parents, he leaves three brothers, Robert, James and Mark; two sisters, Suzanne and Melody, all at home, and his grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Nichols of Monson

### Engaged

#### ELIZABETH KOPACZ

Mr. and Mrs. John Kopacz of Keyes St., Belchertown, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth to William Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace of Bondsville.

A May 30 wedding is planned in St. Adalbert’s Church.

A graduate of Belchertown H. S., Miss Kopacz is employed at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. Mr. Wallace is a graduate of Palmer H. S., is now serving with the United States Army in South Vietnam.

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#### CHERYL REAGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reagan of 11 Belchertown Road, Three Rivers, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Eunice Reagan, to Stephen J. Sawicki, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Sawicki, Sr., of 18 Mill Street, Thorndike.

Miss Reagan graduated from Palmer High School and is employed as a secretary at New England Metal Culvert Company, Palmer.

Mr. Sawicki is also a graduate of Palmer High School and attended Springfield Technical Community College. He is employed by American Standard, Monson

A May 16 wedding is planned.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Elizabeth Kopacz



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Cheryl Reagan

### 100 YEARS AGO

#### FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1920 ...

#### PALMER NEWS

##### Mrs. S. H. Brown

Word was received yesterday forenoon of the death in Fitchburg that morning of Mrs. Lizzie Hitchcock Brown, widow of the late Samuel H. Brown of Palmer. The family resided for years on School street, Mr. Brown conducting a trucking business here. Mrs. Brown, who lived with her daughter, never recovered from the shock of a fire in the building in which she lived, about a year ago. She had been a resident of Palmer about 40 years until the death of her husband, which occurred six years ago to-day; since that time she has lived with her daughter. She leaves two children, Miss Alice Brown, and a son. Prof. Harrison Brown. The funeral will be in Palmer to-morrow afternoon, with burial in Brimfield.

##### Famous Dancer Coming

The De-re Mable Club Las provided some unique entertainers for the dance and cabaret in Holbrook Hall next Tuesday evening. Among the artists who have been secured is Miss Ethel Allis, formerly of the Metropolitan Ballet in New York, who happens to be at liberty at this time. She will give two interpretative dances, “Elphiette” and “The Moth,” also a one dance from the “Sylvana” ballet. There will be other entertainers, and an attractive program is promised in addition to the opportunity to dance.

##### Mrs. Carl Norberg

Entily Caroline, 36, wife of Carl Norberg of 648 North Main street, died in her home Wednesday night of last week. She had been a resident of Palmer for several years. The funeral was from the home Saturday afternoon. Rev. E. L. Moses of the Congregational church officiating; burial was in Oak Knoll cemetery.

Town Clerk J. Foley has been confined to his home this week with a severe cold.

Harold W. Bruce of the Journal office force went Monday to his home in Stafford suffering from a severe attack of gripple.

A freight car off the track near the agricultural park Tuesday afternoon delayed traffic on the westbound track for a time.

The Mayflower League, composed of girls 7 to 12 years of age, met yesterday in the Congregational parsonage, taking post cards for assembling into picture books.

The body of Roy Graves, who died last Friday in Greenwich Village, was brought here Monday for burial and placed in the tomb at Oak Knoll cemetery.

There was no morning service in St. Paul’s Universalist church Sunday on account of the sudden illness of the pastor, Rev. Luther Morris, the congregation uniting with that of the Congregational church in that building.



# First-ever Restaurant Week to start March 16

STURBRIDGE – Sturbridge Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator Kevin Filchak and the Sturbridge Tourist Association have announced the first-ever Restaurant Week in Sturbridge. In fact, in an effort to draw even more patrons to Sturbridge, the STA will be holding it over a two-week period, and it will begin on March 16 and end on March 29.

Now, unlike normal restaurant weeks, the STA’s Restaurant Week is not asking restaurants to create a menu based on pre-fixed prices. Rather the STA will be investing up to \$3,000 in local and regional advertisements to encourage patrons to come to every Sturbridge restaurant during this two-week period. This way every restaurant, regardless of their size, theme or menu, can participate. For this Restaurant Week, the STA encourages restaurants, but does not require them, to create a new special dish during this period to help give patrons new reasons to visit their establishments.

The goal of this Restaurant Week is to help highlight the many wonderful restaurants here in Sturbridge and to be a boost to the local economy.

For those who have questions or comments regarding the STA’s Restaurant Week, please contact the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator at 508-347-2500, ext. 1411 or kfilchak@sturbridge.gov.

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that’s why yoga is referred to as a practice!

It seems that in our goal and success-oriented culture here in the west, yoga is frequently thought of as a means of improving oneself, becoming “better” somehow: thinner, stronger, more flexible, more focused, calmer, better at balancing, breathing or...whatever. If those are things that draw people to yoga, that’s great, and I do find that those qualities are often wonderful by-products of a regular yoga practice.

Ofentimes one’s yoga path does begin at the physical level. Then, if we stay with it, and if we choose, the practice becomes deeper, as deep as we are willing to go into other areas of our life. Yoga starts on the mat, and then becomes a part of our life as a whole, which is where the expression “Yoga on and off the mat” comes from. It’s inexhaustible, a practice that one could explore for a lifetime and still keep discovering and learning - a truly amazing journey.

I chose to do my yoga teacher training at Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health in western Mass, which is where Jane was trained as well. I knew it was the place for me because Kripalu yoga always felt like home, the yoga of self-awareness and compassion. I’ve completed my 200-hour training there, as well as my 500-hour training and other advanced modules. A 1,000-hour certification may be in my future at some time, although my intention is to explore what calls to me rather than to attain a certain level of training.

The yoga classes I offer tend to be gentle-ish to moderate, with options for those who want more challenge or less because the focus is on self-awareness and compassion, not achievement. The classes generally contain the components of centering, breathing practice, warm-ups, a variety of postures, balance practice, relaxation, and meditation. There is never any “right” or “wrong” way to do yoga, although safety is emphasized, and we all begin wherever we are at -- we all have our own starting point. It’s not a competitive practice in any way; one’s own experience is the most valid.

I love offering classes to different populations because everyone deserves to have yoga be a part of their life if they choose -- it’s for everybody, not just the young, the thin, the flexible, the mainstream, etc. It’s also really fun to try different things within the practice; some experiences resonate with some of us, others don’t, and the exploration can be really interesting.

Along with ongoing Kripalu yoga classes, “Yoga Nidra” is something I offer every so often; it’s an experience of very deep relaxation through guided meditations. One can approach Yoga Nidra with the intention of simply relaxing (much needed in our culture); it can also be a practice of transformation by bringing to mind a “resolve” or intention to cultivate something in one’s life, such as connection, health, well-being, patience, or whatever one may choose. It’s like planting a seed, and the seed takes root during the practice of relaxation.

Recently I completed a certification in “Let Your Yoga Dance” at Kripalu. The LYYD classes I’ve participated in at Kripalu’s Noon Dance sessions have always been really fun, satisfying, and exhilarating; I realized that it would be a wonderfully energizing and uplifting experience to offer for those who enjoy music and movement, who are curious, and who may or may not be so drawn to a classic yoga class.

We are all natural dancers even though we may not always think that of ourselves. It is incredibly rewarding to see participants smiling, moving, maybe going just outside their comfort zone at times, connecting with themselves and others -- simply having a great time.

There may not be a lot of “regular” yoga poses in these LYYD classes; yoga is about more than the pose, and Let Your Yoga Dance classes are designed to open energy channels in the body and encourage the free flow of energy, just like “traditional” yoga. Dancing your yoga is a great way to enhance body health, brain health, heart health and soul health.

It’s important to remember that there is not any one “correct” journey that everyone should try to follow -- on or off the mat. Every person has their own path, and it can be really fun, challenging, and interesting to explore different classes, practices, and traditions to find out what is authentic and fulfilling for oneself -- which may change over time. There are, fortunately, many different yoga/ mindfulness/movement practices available, so listen to your inner adventurer and discover for yourself.

Hitchcock Academy is offering Yoga with Sharon in six class sessions on March 2 and again on April 13. Single sessions of Let your Yoga Dance will be held on March 13 and again on April 10.

# Vacation week programs at Quabbin Visitor Center

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Visitor Center will offer the following free programs during the Winter School Vacation Week from Feb. 16 to Feb. 22.

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2 to 3 p.m. Slide show: Discovering the Other Lost Valley

– Before the Swift River Valley was cleared and flooded, 23,000 acres were taken along the Ware River in Barre, Oakham, Rutland and Hubbardston in a project designed

to supplement the waters of the new reservoir. Three hundred fifty people lost their homes in this project and three villages were removed. Join the staff to learn more about the other lost valley, why it was cleared and the role the Ware River Watershed plays in protecting the water supply of three million Massachusetts residents. Program is best for adults and families of older children. Meet in the Quabbin Visitor Center, snow or shine.

Pick up a Quabbin Park map in the Visitor Center and explore trails before or after the program.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1 to 2 p.m. – Slide lecture: Eagles, Loons and Bears Oh My!

- In the past 50 years the Quabbin region has seen the return of many woodland animals in part because of the great habitat Quabbin Reservoir Forest creates. Come learn a little about the history and habitats of some local

wildlife. 40-minute presentation. Families of all ages welcome. Meet in the Quabbin Visitor Center, snow or shine. Pick up a Quabbin Park map in the Visitor Center and explore trails before or after the program.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 1 to 2 p.m. Nature hike: Quabbin Park History Detectives

Hidden in the Quabbin Forest are clues to life in the four drowned towns. Join the staff as they lead a search for

signs of the past. Meet at the Hanks Meadow parking lot at Quabbin Park. Call 413-323-7221 for directions. Families of all ages welcome. It’s an easy half-mile walk. Please dress appropriately for the weather and for a forest hike.

All programs are free and open to the public. Free parking. For additional information and directions, please call the Quabbin Visitor Center at 413-323-7221.

# Hot jazz at Mardi Gras concert, Feb. 23

WARE – Mardi Gras Madness!Featuring the Ware Community Jazz Ensemble on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at Workshop 13, 13 Church St. in Ware. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. Come join the band and ignore winter for a while. Adult beverages, soft drinks and water will be available for purchase. Grab a drink and listen to some hot Big Band jazz. It’s a chance to spice it up before Lent. Seating is limited to 90 so come early for choice seating.

# Wing Memorial Hospital auxiliary offers seven scholarships

PALMER – The Wing Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is offering a one-year scholarship of \$1,000 to students planning to enter the healthcare field. Oneeligiblestudentfromeachofthefollowingschools will be chosen: Belchertown High School, Ludlow High School, Minnechaug Regional High School, Monson High School, Palmer High School, Pathfinder Regional High School and Ware High School. Applications are available at the guidance department of each school and at the Wing Memorial Hospital Gift Shop and must be postmarked or emailed by March 31.

# Library participates in the Boston Bruins PJ Drive

STURBRIDGE – The Joshua Hyde Public Library is participating in the Boston Bruins 13th annual PJ Drive to benefit the Department of Children and Families’ Wonderfund and Cradles to Crayons. The PJ Drive’s goal is to collect 13,000 pairs of new pajamas. Many of the pajamas donated go to local DCF offices in the area where they were collected, benefitting local kids and teens. DCF estimates that at any given time the agency is working with 45,000 babies, children and teens.

“Personally, this is an event that is close to my heart, and I am thrilled that the Joshua Hyde Library will once again be collecting pajamas for kids in our community who need them,” said Library Director Becky Plimpton. The Boston Bruins PJ Drive runs through March 15. The library will be collecting new pairs of pajamas for babies, children and teens at the library, and there are drop off boxes at the Sturbridge Coffee House, 407 Main St. and Wild Flour Kolaches, 57 Main St.

Participating libraries will compete with other organizations for special Bruins prizes including tickets to a Bruins game to be given to lucky library patrons.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners works with the Boston Bruins to coordinate library participation in the drive. Libraries from around the state use the Massachusetts Library System’s delivery service, typically used to send books and other library materials, to send their PJs to area collection locations which increases libraries’ ability to participate in the drive. Programs during this time include:

Friday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m. PJ drop-in Story Time

Thursday, Feb. 20 – Pajama Day! Staff will be in PJs, and offering cookies and hot chocolate all day. Henry the Juggler will be performing at 3 p.m., with registration required at sturbridgelibrary.org.

Friday, March 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. – PJs and Pizza Movie Night, showing “Office Space,” with registration necessary at sturbridgelibrary.org.

These events are sponsored by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library.

# Cancer patients use more blood than those fighting any other disease

*American Red Cross and American Cancer Society partner to inspire blood donations*

DEDHAM – Patients fighting cancer need more blood than patients fighting any other disease, using nearly one-quarter of the nation’s blood supply. That’s why this February, the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society have teamed up to encourage people across the country to Give Blood to Give Time, ensuring loved ones have the strength and support to battle cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, one in three people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. An estimated 36,990 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Massachusetts this year. Many of these people will likely have a need for blood.

“A loved one’s cancer diagnosis often makes families and friends feel helpless. That’s why the Give Blood to Give Time partnership with the American Cancer Society is so important,” said Dr. Pampee Young, chief medical officer, American Red Cross. “When someone donates blood or platelets or makes a financial gift, they are helping to give patients and their families time, resources and the hope they need to fight back.”

To schedule a blood or platelet donation appointment or make a financial gift, visit GiveBloodToGiveTime.org.

Some types of chemotherapy can damage bone marrow, reducing red blood cell and platelet production. Other times, the cancer itself or surgical procedures cause the problem. Blood products are often needed. In fact, five units of blood are needed every minute to help someone going through cancer treatment. Yet only 3 percent of people in the United States give blood. More people are needed to donate regularly to help meet the need.

“The need for blood in cancer treatments is an important and untold story,” said Gary Reedy, chief executive officer of the American Cancer Society. “The American Cancer Society is excited to be working with the Red Cross on Give Blood to Give Time. Through this partnership, we want people to know there are multiple ways they can help and make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and their families.”

Individuals can honor their loved ones by making a blood donation appointment or financial contribution at GiveBloodToGiveTime.org.

**Who blood donations help**

In April 2015, Stephenie Perry was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma exactly 10 days before her commencement ceremony from

graduate school. One week after commencement, treatments began. During chemotherapy and two stem cell transplants, she needed blood and platelet transfusions.

“I don’t even know how many units of blood I’ve received,” she said. “But I know all of that blood came from selfless individuals who made the decision to make an appointment and donate.”

Last February, Perry received the good news that her cancer is in remission. The next day, her then-boyfriend, Justin Perry, proposed to her – just in time for Valentine’s Day. They talked about marriage while she battled cancer, but they wanted to wait until she was in remission. Justin Perry said he didn’t want to go another day without asking her to marry him. They were married in September.

Her red blood cell counts still get low at times. When that happens, she goes in for another blood transfusion.

“I think it’s safe to say that my successful battle with cancer depended upon complete strangers and their donated blood. For this, I am grateful,” Stephenie Perry said. “Sometimes I hear stories from friends about people who are scared of needles or afraid to donate blood. I wish I could stand face-to-face with those people and tell them there is nothing scary about saving a life – a life like mine.”

# Fifth-grade Arbor Day Poster Contest has “Trees Please” theme

BOSTON – Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Jim Montgomery has announced the theme of the agency’s 2020 fifth-grade Arbor Day Poster Contest: “Trees Please.” Fifth-graders from around the state enrolled in both public and private schools, as well as home-schooled students, are encouraged to participate in the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest by creating posters highlighting this year’s theme. Schools are then asked to host a poster contest to determine the winner. The winning poster from each school can then be submitted to the agency for review. Home-schooled or non-participating school students may submit their posters and enter the contest individually.

“Trees are not only beautiful, but play a key role in the health of our environment, and I’m thrilled that each year fifth-graders demonstrate this importance by participating in the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s annual Arbor Day Poster Contest,” said

DCR Commissioner Jim Montgomery. “I look forward to 2020’s creative entries from students throughout the commonwealth highlighting this year’s theme ‘Trees Please.’”

First-place prizes for the DCR Arbor Day Poster Contest include a tree-planting ceremony at the winner’s school, a certificate for art and science supplies, and more. Second place, third place and honorable mention winners will also receive art and science supplies.

“The Arbor Day Poster Contest is a good chance for students to creatively express what they’ve learned,” said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley. “I hope that many of our fifth-grade artists, scientists, activists and arborists take the challenge.”

Trees offer many benefits to people and to the environment, including:

The reduction in energy use for heating and cooling;

The cleansing of both water and air;

The reduction of noise pollution;

The beautification of communities; and,

The providing of habitats for wildlife.

This year’s theme, “Trees Please” is designed to highlight the importance of trees within Massachusetts’s communities and diverse landscapes throughout the state. Additionally, the Arbor Day Poster Contest combines both art and science in an effort to instill the vital role trees have on the public’s daily lives.

The DCR Urban and Community Forestry Program, with support from the U.S. Forest Service, sponsors the annual contest for fifth-graders across the commonwealth. Posters must be submitted by March 15, and the contest is open to all students currently enrolled in the fifth grade. An Arbor Day Poster Contest Guide is available on the DCR website or can be obtained by contacting Mollie Freilicher, 413-577-2966 or mollie.freilicher@mass.gov.

# Spring semester Italian language classes

SPRINGFIELD – Two Italian language classes, a beginner I level and an intermediate, will be offered on Tuesday nights and will run from March 3 through May 5. All classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. for 10 weeks and will be held at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass. Inc., 56 Margaret St. Tuition cost is \$140 for ICC members and \$160.00 for non-members. The

deadline for registration is April 30.

Students should make their check payable to the Italian Cultural Center and mail it with their registration form to: The Italian Cultural Center, 56 Margaret St., Springfield, MA 01105. More information about specific course descriptions and

registration forms can be found on the center’s website at www.iccwm.org. Please call or email any questions to the center’s registrar, Jill, at 413-244-0526 or italianat-icc@comcast.net. Once payment is received, students will receive confirmation from the registrar.

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# Business

## North Brookfield Savings Bank promotes Andrea Healey

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the recent promotion of Andrea Healy to chief administrative and human resource officer.

“Andrea provides North Brookfield Savings Bank employees and our management team a level of knowledge and experience that is extremely valuable,” said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. “She has continually exhibited her dedication to our Bank family, our communities, our customers and to the overall success of the Bank. We are grateful for her commitment and expertise.”

Healy, of Paxton, has a strong background in the human resources industry and vast experience in leadership roles. Prior to her promotion she served as North Brookfield Savings Bank’s senior vice president and human resources officer and before joining the bank, she held the position of director of human resources at Cutler Associates Inc. for 17 years.

In her new role, Healy will continue to manage the human resources department and be responsible for attracting, retaining and developing North Brookfield Savings Bank staff through meaningful performance appraisal, employee training and recognition programs.



Andrea Healey

She will also oversee marketing and strategic planning for the bank as a whole.

She has most recently completed an MBA in industrial organizational psychology from Anna Maria College. She also holds a bachelor of science in business at Becker College, an associates in business management with a marketing concentration, and has achieved a human resources certification from Becker. Healy has earned designations as a professional in human resources and Society for Human Resources certified professional. Healy also

plans to attend law school in September of 2020.

“Change is inspiring and I am looking forward to the excitement that my new role will offer. Partnering with our talented marketing team in the coming year and being a part of our ongoing efforts to be integral to the growth and strengthening of our communities is a role I am most looking forward to,” said Healy. “There is so much opportunity to partner with others and lift others up through our community involvement and at the end of the day, that’s what our bank is about, helping others. I now have the best of both worlds; setting our employees and our communities up for success by partnering with them in a meaningful and supportive way. Through exceptional human resources delivery, thoughtful strategic planning and community centric marketing efforts, I see an exciting year ahead for all of us.”

Healy is also on the Board of Director’s for the Worcester Animal Rescue League, the Board of Director’s for Rainbow Child Development of Worcester, and the Becker College Alumni Board and Dean’s Council. In 2016, she received the New England Human Resources Association Community Leadership Award for her commitment to the community.

## Women’s Leadership series starts March 27 at HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute

HOLYOKE - Women leaders of prominent area institutions will be the featured presenters at the spring 2020 Women’s Leadership Luncheon Series hosted by Holyoke Community College and the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute.

The four-part, monthly “Leadership in Your Future 2020” series. The four-part, monthly “Leadership in Your Future 2020” series will be held on March 27, April 10, May 8 and June 19.

Each of four presenters will sit at a different table each week and speak on a subject of their choosing.

Over the course of the four-session series, they will rotate among the tables so guests have the opportunity to hear all the presentations.

The four presenters are: Theresa Cooper-Gordon, commissioner, Holyoke Housing Authority (“Self-Determination”), Priscilla Kane Hellweg, executive/artistic director, Enchanted Circle Theater (“In it for the Long Haul”), Jody Kasper, chief of Police, City of Northampton (“Rising to the Top”), and

Christina Royal, president, Holyoke Community College (“Leading Through Change”)

The luncheons run from 11:30

a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St. Lunch will be prepared and served by students in the HCC Culinary Arts program.

The series will provide an opportunity to learn from women leaders of area institutions and a chance for participants to network with their peers and gain insights on building their own careers.

The cost is \$150 for all four sessions.

Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Valentyna Semyrog at 413-552-2123 or vsemyrog@hcc.edu.

## Country Bank announces promotions

WARE – Country Bank President and CEO, Paul Scully, announces recent staff promotions.

Kendra Radner, who has been with the bank for seven years, has been promoted from credit officer to vice president, credit portfolio officer. Radner has extensive experience in the credit risk management area and has been an integral part of the credit team. She holds a master’s of business administration from Western New England University Management. She also holds a bachelor of finance from Florida State University.

Jennifer Bujnevicie and Laura Dennis have been promoted from regional officers to assistant vice presidents. Collectively both women contribute 34 years of experience at Country Bank; both began their professional banking careers as tellers and have grown within the organization to oversee the retail banking division. Together, they bring a wealth of experience to the retail branches and are focused on providing the bank’s customers with exceptional customer service throughout its branch network. Both Bujnevicie and Dennis

hold associates degrees in business administration and management from New England College of Business, and have attended the New England School for Financial Studies.

Newly-appointed officers include Dianna Lussier, Nicole Gonçalves and Anthony Palano. Lussier has been promoted from risk manager to risk management officer. During Lussier’s 15-year tenure with Country Bank, she has worked within various roles, including accounting representative and financial reporting analyst. Lussier holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a concentration in finance and accounting from Worcester State College, and has attended the New England School for Financial Studies.

Nicole Orluk-Goncalves has been promoted from accounting manager to accounting officer. During Gonçalves 19-year tenure with the bank, she has worked in various roles, including reporting and business analysis, profitability administrator, loan serving representative and data analyst. Or-

luk-Goncalves holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Western New England University and has also attended the New England School for Financial Studies.

Antonio Palano has been promoted from loan servicing manager to loan servicing officer. Palano began his banking career with Country Bank 12 years ago as a teller and has grown within the organization in various roles that include collections representative and loan servicing supervisor. Palano has an associate’s degree in business administration from Springfield Technical Community College.

Country Bank’s philosophy is to promote from within when possible and is committed to providing opportunities for continued learning and development to all of its staff.

Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester.



An chialtolite, which occurs in nature as an elongated crystal with unique patterns, one of the amazing array of rocks and minerals archeologist Alan Smith discussed during a presentation.



Alan Smith making his presentation at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary on Feb. 8.

Turley Publications correspondent photos by Patrick Duquette

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it known Lake Hitchcock covered our area for 4,000 years? Answer: Glacial water is a brilliant turquoise in color and contains silt and clay. In summer months, silt is predominant and settles to the bottom of the lake. In winter, the darker clay is predominant and also settles to the bottom of the lake. Each is a different color, so this creates a distinctive light and dark layer, called a varve. A good analogy would be the rings of a tree as each varve represents a year.

There is an ongoing discussion amongst archaeologists as to whether Native Americans lived on the shores of Lake Hitchcock. However, oral traditions from many Native American tribes speak of a “giant lake” in our region dating back to 10,500 BP.

Smith also related a local anecdote about crews tunneling under Amherst College to connect various buildings when they discovered varves from an ancient lake. Evidence that Amherst was under water for thousands of years.

In 1818, Edward Hitchcock geologist and third president of

Amherst College, noted he had seen lake deposits between the Connecticut Valley towns of Holyoke and Gill. Thus, setting the stage for future generations of archaeologists and geologists to research the Connecticut Valley. In 1922, a Swedish geologist named Ernst Antevs researched varve layers at locations in Hartford, Connecticut, continuing his quest all the way to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and determined that Lake Hitchcock had existed



Steve Fratelli and Mary Reed look for their towns on a map of glacial Lake Hitchcock during a talk at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.

for 4,000 years. Varves were discovered by Ernst Antevs as a way to correctly calculate the age of glacial lakes.

By 1935, geologists were conducting further studies of the Connecticut Valley’s glacial history and remnants of the enormous lake, geologist Richard Lougee named the lake in honor of the earliest pioneer, Edward Hitchcock.

Smith also spoke on an amazing array of rocks and minerals found in this area and the reasons Native Americans were attracted to certain specimens like crystals. One of the most fascinating was chialtolite, which occurs in nature as an elongated crystal with unique patterns. Compared to regular crystals, which have a hardness of 7.5, chialtolite has a hardness between 3.5-4.5. This has the benefit of being able to craft tribal artifacts with basic tools. When chialtolite is crosscut there will be various rectangular designs.

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of the heart to help prevent clots in patients with AFib.

Bernie was the first WATCHMAN patient at Baystate Medical Center. “They gave me the feeling, seriously and honestly, that they cared about my wellbeing. I no longer live in fear of a stroke. I can enjoy my life,” he says.

To watch Bernie’s life-changing story, go to [BaystateHealth.org/Bernie](https://www.baystatehealth.org/Bernie).

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## MIAA

### Tournaments would include about half of state's teams

*Rankings system still unclear*

*Editor's note: This is the third of a four-part series to break down the statewide tournament proposal, what it is, it's effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Tournament Management Committee states that between 46 and 55 percent of teams will qualify for their division's respective tournament in most of the major sports.

But the question on the minds of many Western Massachusetts athletic directors, coaches, athletes, and parents is, how many of those teams will be from Western Massachusetts?

The answer, essentially, is almost as many teams that qualify now.

Now, how is that possible?

Thanks to a compromise during the committee's process of formulating a proposal, any team that finishes with a .500 record or above will qualify for the state tournament. Those teams that are not power-ranked in the top 32 (or 16 in some cases), will get an opportunity to play into the tournament. Teams below the No. 32-ranked team will be seeded lower and have to "play-in" to the tournament through preliminary round games.

What that will leave out under Western Massachusetts' current format, is the ability to for teams that place first or second in their leagues to qualify.

Under current rules, leagues in Western Mass., which are aligned by the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association, send their first and second place finishers to tournament regardless of their overall records. It's a small percentage of the teams that qualify, but it does happen consistently each season.

However, with an expansion to a fifth division for major sports like baseball, soccer, basketball, softball, football, and girls volleyball, the competition might allow for more teams to qualify for tournament.

According to the MIAA proposal, the sports that will have four divisions: Tennis, lacrosse, and field hockey, the MIAA suggests that between 53 and 62 percent of teams in the state will qualify for those tournaments. Ice hockey will have an estimated 62 percent qualify for tournament across three divisions.

There is also a provision in the proposal to allow the sport committee to create subdivisions, such as a Division "1A." However, the parameters and why that would happen are not clear.

Also still unclear is how the MaxPreps power rankings system would work. While a sample ranking system using last season's soccer playoffs as an example, plenty of Western and Central Mass. teams qualified.

But it is still unclear exactly how MaxPreps would rank the teams in Western Massachusetts, how it would take into account the diversity in the teams Western Mass. plays against with the vast geography, versus the density in Eastern Massachusetts.

The proposal also does not list how many games a team must play to be considered for postseason play. Right now, most seasons average between 16 and 20 games. Lacrosse, field hockey, volleyball, and soccer are known for 16-18 game seasons while baseball, softball, and basketball often play between 18 and 20 games.

One part of the proposal does

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## BASKETBALL

### Panthers drop rematch against Orioles

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—Twenty-four hours after losing a road game to Hampshire South rival Turners Falls by 13 points, Belchertown moved a step closer to qualifying for the Western Massachusetts Division 2 tournament.

The Orioles, who never trailed in the non-league boys basketball game against cross-town rival Palmer, celebrated a 63-52 home victory, last Friday night.

"This was a very big game for us, especially after not playing very well at Turners last night," said Belchertown head coach Matt Stenius. "We challenged the players before the start of tonight's game and we played very well. This win also keeps our playoff hopes alive."

Palmer and Belchertown also met in the annual Pioneer Valley Tip Off held at the historic Curry Cage located on the UMass Amherst campus in the middle of December. The Panthers celebrated a 64-59 win in that contest.

Belchertown, who entered the final full week of the regular season with an 8-9 overall record, needed to win at least two of their remaining three games in order to clinch a postseason berth for the first time in two years.

The Orioles, who lost at Longmeadow in a Division 2 quarterfinal game in 2018, were scheduled to play another non-league game at Monson High School on Monday night before returning home to face league rival Mahar Regional on Thursday, which is their senior night.

The three seniors listed on the Orioles varsity roster are Tyler Grissom, Hunter Klingensmith,

and Owen Raines.

"It's an outstanding senior class this year and those three guys are our leaders," Stenius said.

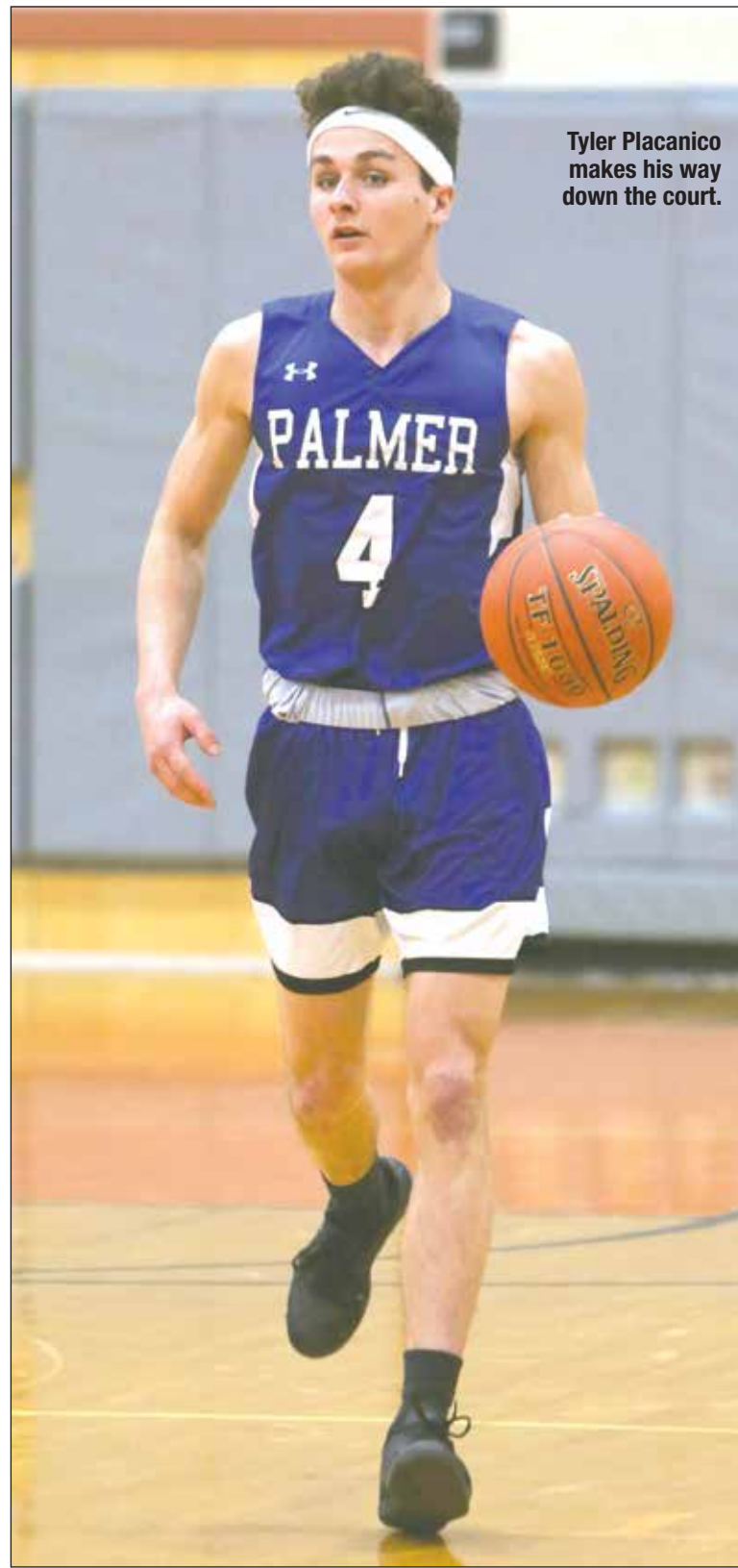
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Jacob Bollea gets the easy shot at close range.



Harvey Venne reaches over a Belchertown blocker.



Tyler Placanico makes his way down the court.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

## ICE HOCKEY

### Hurricanes make comeback, take down Orioles

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

AMHERST— Since joining the Amherst hockey team as a freshman, Brandon Peritz has only lost one match to the Belchertown Orioles.

In the only meeting of the 2019-20 regular season between the archrivals, Belchertown entered the third period holding a 3-2 lead. Amherst would battle back with three goals during the final 15 minutes leading to a 5-4 victory at the UMass Mullins Center, last Wednesday night.

"We were forced to overcome a third period deficit in tonight's game, which is something that we haven't had to do very often so far this year," said Peritz, one of the six Amherst players that attends Palmer High School. "I believe we now have a 3-1 record against Belchertown during the past four years. It has always been a huge rivalry game and it feels great to win my final regular season game against them."

Peritz and Eli Slovien are the only two seniors listed on the Amherst hockey roster.

"It might not mean very much to our two seniors now, but 10-15 years from now they can say 'my last game at the Mullins Center was versus Belchertown and we won,'" said Amherst head coach Mike Rousseau. "It was good old-fashioned rock fight tonight and we

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Mustangs stay hot with win over B-Town

By Chris Drosehn  
Sports Correspondent

MONSON – When the Belchertown Orioles traveled to Monson High School for girls basketball, it was the tale of two teams. For the Monson, it has been a successful season, while for Belchertown, it has been anything but. Monson defeated Belchertown in commanding fashion with a final score of 58-30.

Belchertown has had a tough season. With the loss, their re-

cord fell to 4-12. The team struggled right from the gate. By the end of the first half, the team had only scored 14 points. 7 of those points came from Sophomore Avery Klingensmith. She also had 4 defensive rebounds in the first half that did help.

The story of the night, however, was the defense for Monson and how they limited Belchertown to 30 points and kept their offense at bay.

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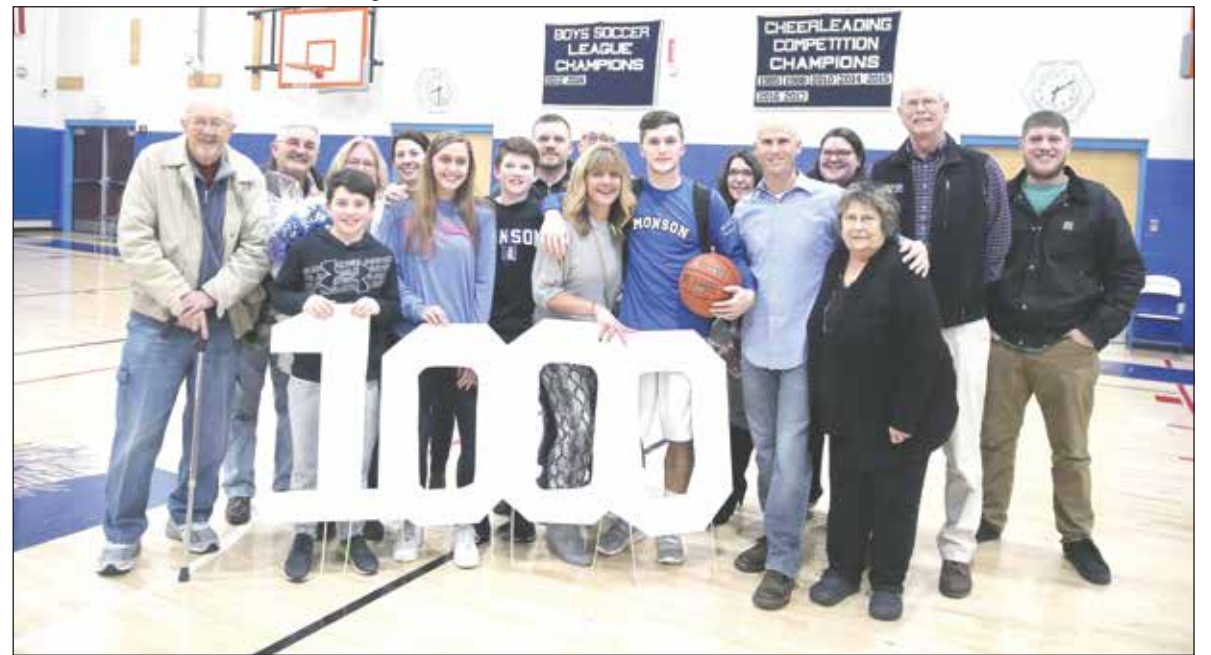


Sydnée DeVries jumps high as she lays on this shot.

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## BASKETBALL

### Logan Gerry hits 1,000 points as Monson boys beat Renaissance



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Logan Gerry is joined by family and friends after scoring 1,000th point last Thursday night against Renaissance.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

MONSON — As a freshman member of the Monson boys varsity basketball team, Logan Gerry watched Bahu Abdul-Wadud score his 1,000th career point in a win against Granby in the Western Mass. Division 4 semifinals at the historic Curry Hicks Cage located on the UMass Amherst campus.

Gerry also saw Chris Sisco score his 1,000th career point in a 66-59 road victory against the Renaissance School last February.

Gerry added his name to the 1,000-point banner that's hanging on a wall inside Michael J. Kane Gymnasium as a senior. However, he accomplished the feat in front of a large home crowd last Thursday night.

"I played with the last two 1,000-point scorers and it feels great to add my name to the

1,000-point banner," said Gerry following his team's 65-58 victory over Renaissance. "The gym was packed tonight and it was so much fun."

Gerry entered the Bi-West contest only needing two more points to reach the elite milestone. The magic moment took place on a coast-to-coast lay-up a minute into the first quarter.

"It was a great feeling when I made that shot a minute into the game," said Gerry, who took several pictures with his teammates, family, and friends following the game. "I really wanted to get it over with quickly, so we could focus on the game. I'm very glad that all of my family and friends were able to come to tonight's game."

Gerry is the ninth Monson boys basketball player to score 1,000 points.

"Logan has been a four-year starter on the varsity team, but

what's so special about him is he's more than just a scorer. He always wants to get his teammates involved and he's going to be a great coach someday," said Monson head coach Joe Trivisonno. "He has had to score a lot more points for us this year, but he's an unselfish basketball player."

Three members of the Monson girls basketball team has also scored 1,000 career points

While Gerry, who finished with a game-high 28 points against Renaissance, is wrapping up his outstanding high school basketball career, eighth grader Colin Beaupre is just beginning his varsity career. He and Logan are also cousins.

"It was very special to see my cousin score his 1,000-point tonight," said Beaupre, who scored one point in the victory against Renaissance. "He has taught me a

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# The week ahead

## Palmer High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>		
Thursday, Feb. 13	<b>Away</b>	Hampshire 7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>		
Friday, Feb. 14	<b>Home</b>	Ludlow 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 17	<b>Home</b>	South Hadley 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 18	<b>Home</b>	Amherst 7 p.m.
<b>Ice Hockey (co-op with Amherst Regional)</b>		
Thursday, Feb. 13	<b>Away</b>	Chicopee Comp. 3 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 15	<b>Away</b>	Greenfield 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 19	<b>Home</b>	Chicopee Comp. 3 p.m.

## Monson High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>		
Friday, Feb. 14	<b>Home</b>	Ware 7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>		
Thursday, Feb. 13	<b>Home</b>	St. Mary's 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 17	<b>Home</b>	Paulo Freire 6 p.m.

## Pathfinder High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>		
Thursday, Feb. 13	<b>Home</b>	Smith Voke 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 17	<b>Away</b>	McCann Tech 7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 19	<b>Home</b>	Gateway 7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>		
Friday, Feb. 14	<b>Away</b>	Duggan 7 p.m.
<b>Wrestling</b>		
Saturday, Feb. 15	<b>Away</b>	Western Mass. Meet (at Taconic) 10 a.m.

## MIAA

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lay out the home and away situation. It states that preliminary play-in games, and the first three rounds, the round of 32, 16, and 8 (quarterfinals) will be at the site of the home seed. However, all home sites have to meet MIAA standards to host a home game. If a site does not, the home school athletic director can attempt to find an acceptable site, or the lower seed would host the game. In extreme cases, the tournament director will be charged with finding an acceptable site.

### Date determined for final vote

The MIAA has reached a decision on holding a special meeting on the proposal. The statewide tournament proposal will be voted on Feb. 28 at a special meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Assabet Valley Technical High School in Marlborough.



Olivia Chrzan vies for the loose ball.



Kelsey Duggan makes a great save to keep the ball in play.



Madison Bonneau make a valiant attempt to steal this pass.

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“Our defense is really what’s been key for us. We limit people in their shots, getting steals and that’s really been supplementing our offense,” head coach Timothy Pascale said after the game. “We are a better team when we are running the ball and just in motion. Overall I was really happy with our defense tonight that led to our offense.”

The biggest component to the defense for Monson was senior Mia Krupczak. She helped Monson execute a well-balanced game. Krupczak was able to take advantage of opportunities presented to steal the ball and create some turnovers that led directly to the offense Pascale was talking about.

“She’s been getting better and better at that. She has been one of those sparks on defense that has been helping our offense,” said Pascale.

Krupczak contributed 13 points overall, most of which were scored off of her drives to the hoop from the steals that she orchestrated. She drew 3 fouls that aided her in those points, as she was able to execute on all 6 of the free throws she had.

One of the other stories for Monson was junior Sydnie DeVries. She contributed 23 points on 10 baskets with three free throws mixed in. She also had four defensive rebounds during the game.

“It was nice to have. She’s averaging about 16 points a game with 14 rebounds which is pretty consistent,” said Pascale. “To get 23 was a little more. She’s a monster on the boards.”

Unfortunately for Belchertown, they ran into a team that has been playing well all season. Belchertown was able to spread the ball around and had seven different players contribute to their 30 points in the game. The team was no match for Monson’s balanced attack and did not have an answer to their defense either. It ultimately led to the lopsided victory for Monson.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com  
Tennessee Murphy drives down court.



Logan Gerry gets his 1,000<sup>th</sup> point early in the matchup against the Phoenix.

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lot about the game at practice and he’s one of my role models. I’m hoping to follow in his footsteps.”

Gerry said he has learned some things about basketball from his younger cousin.

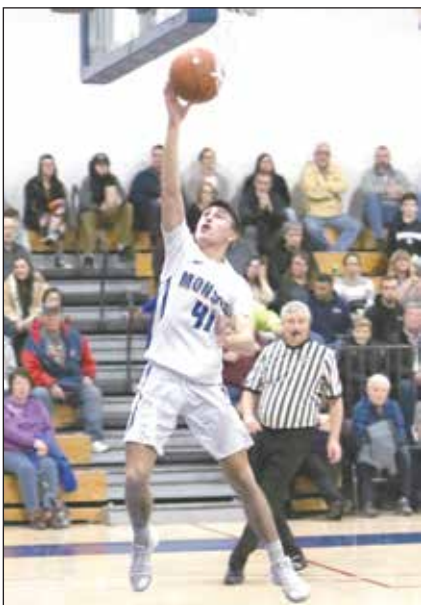
“Colin has a very high basketball I.Q.,” Gerry said. “I really enjoy talking basketball with him and I really wish I could play on the same team with him for the next four years. I’m hoping he also scores 1,000 points.”

The two cousins were also teammates on the Mustangs varsity soccer team last fall, which played in the Western Mass. Division 4 finals. The soccer team is coached by Peter Beaupre, who is Colin’s father and Logan’s uncle.

“Almost all of the players on the basketball team were members of the soccer team, which made it to the Western Mass. finals last fall,” Gerry said. “The chemistry is the same and we’re hoping to make a run in the postseason tournament.”

The Mustangs boys’ basketball team entered this week’s action with a 12-5 overall record. They’re 9-1 in their last ten games.

Gerry scored 163 points as a freshman member of the varsity basketball team. He scored 219 points as a soph-



Scottie Watson gets a layup.

omore and 329 points last year as a junior. He’s scored more than 350 points so far this season. William Metzger, who has been the Principle at Monson High School for the past six years, gave his thoughts about the school’s newest 1,000-point scorer.

“Logan is a great student-athlete and it was awesome to see him score his 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point in tonight’s game,” Metzger said. “He’s a very hard worker, a very good role model, and is also a very good teammate. I’m very happy for him.”

The last Monson basketball player to score 1,000 career points in a home game was Katelyn Metzger (1,036 points) in 2011. The other two girls’ 1,000-point scorers are Meghan Boyle (1,018 points) and Angie Arbour (1,352 points).

The Mustangs, who were trailing 30-22 at halftime, outscored the Phoenix, 43-28, during the second half. If Monson’s wins their final two league games against Southwick and Ware, they will share the league title with Renaissance.

“It was definitely a tale of two halves tonight,” Trivisonno said. “We scored 27 points in the third quarter and took the lead. We also played very well defensively in the second half.”

## HOCKEY ■ from page 9

found a way to pull one out.”

The other five Amherst hockey players who live in Palmer are sophomore’s Nick Paul, Morgan Peritz, Aiden Valley, Joe Freniere, and Andrew Martin.

While the Hurricanes (12-3) have already locked up a berth in the Western Massachusetts Division 3A tournament, the Orioles (6-8-2) will need to win their final two regular season games against Mount Everett and Drury in order to punch their postseason ticket.

“We’re a very young team and we’re trying to improve every day,” said Orioles head coach Matt Crutch. “We went toe to toe with Amherst, who’s one of the top teams in Division 3A this year. It just didn’t end up in our favor tonight.”

Crutch, who graduated from Amherst High School in the late 1990’s, has been involved in the rivalry game for a long time.

“I’ve known the Amherst coaching staff for my whole life and the players on both teams are also very familiar with each other,” Crutch said. “We tried to hold onto the lead, but they’re a very good team this year.”

The last time that the Orioles defeated the Hurricanes was two years ago on senior day at the Mullins Center by the final score of 3-2.

The Orioles seniors are Chris Buffone, Francis Nigro, Nathan Ayers, and Ethan Rajpold, who’s the starting goalie.

Amherst, who entered the third period trailing 3-2, scored the tying goal at the 4:22 mark. The initial shot taken by Junior Kouji Ishida was deflected away by Rajpold (42 saves), but sophomore Georgios Alimonos was in the right spot to knock home the rebound shot.

The Hurricanes would take the lead for the first time six minutes later when sophomore Car-

ter Beckwith fired a shot from the blue line that somehow managed to get into the net past Rajpold. The power-play goal was assisted by Ishida.

Ishida scored an insurance goal with 55.9 seconds remaining in regulation, which was assisted by Slovien.

Trailing 5-3, the Orioles did manage to get a little bit closer following an unassisted goal by sophomore Andrew Fijal with 38.9 seconds showing on the scoreboard clock.

Amherst sophomore goalie Jon Hanscom finished the game with a total of 15 saves.

Both teams scored a goal in the opening period.

The Hurricanes took a 1-0 advantage at the 10:29 mark following a rebound goal by sophomore Chris Foster.

Belchertown junior Colby Masse scored the equalizer 1:08 later on a shot from the top of the crest.

The Orioles went ahead for the first time at 2-1 two minutes into the second period following a rebound goal by freshman James Delaney, which was assisted by Nigro.

Then Valley scored his first varsity goal at the 4:21 mark tying the score at 2-2.

“Aiden Valley is one of our young players and he has the heart of a lion,” Rousseau said. “He always does everything that I ask him to do. It was nice to see him score his first high school goal tonight.”

Foster was credited with the assist on the game tying goal.

Belchertown’s first power-play goal was scored by freshman James Greene and assisted by freshman Cody Samson with 8:28 remaining in the second period.

The Orioles managed to hold onto the lead for the next 12 minutes before the Hurricanes battled back to take the lead.

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## Nick Beaulieu

Pathfinder Regional

Beaulieu dominated a pair of games, scoring, 30 and 32 points, respectively, in two games during the past week. Both were wins for Pathfinder. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Chad Bigos vies for a rebound.



Jack Letendre keeps the ball at his side as he moves toward the basket.

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“Owen has been playing for the varsity team since he was a freshman. Tyler and Hunter joined the varsity team as juniors.”

The Orioles, who’ll be wrapping up the regular season at Pioneer Valley Regional on February 17, were tied for second place in the Hampshire South standings with a 3-3 mark.

“Every game that we play is winnable. It just all depends on which team shows up that night,” Stenius said. “If we can play like we did in tonight’s game, we’ll have a very good chance of winning our final three regular season games.”

While the Orioles were still battling for a postseason berth, the senior-laden Panthers (10-7) clinched a spot in the Division 3 tournament following a 64-37 non-league home win versus rival Ludlow two days earlier.

Other than the season opening win against Belchertown at the Cage, Palmer’s only other road victory this season came at Frontier Regional (56-47) on Dec. 23. The Panthers lost their fifth straight road game last Friday night.

“It’s another disappointing road loss for us,” said Palmer head coach Ed Anderson. “We did cut the deficit to four points during the second half, but we just could never take the lead.”

Junior forward Jordan Lanoue led the Orioles in the second meeting of the regular season against the Panthers with a career-high 32 points. He made 10 of his 11 free throw attempts.

“I made almost all of my shots in tonight’s game and the 32 points is my career-high,” Lanoue said. “We all worked very well together and we were able to get the job done.”

Lanoue, whose previous career-high was 27 points, has scored 20 or more points in nine games this winter. He scored 18 points in the first meeting of the season with Palmer.

Junior guard Nathan Schiffer and sophomore guard Nathan Sajdak both scored 12 points for the home team. Sajdak scored all of his points on 3-pointers. Raines, who’s a forward,

added four points and junior guard Ryan Zawistowski finished with three points.

Lanoue gave a lot of credit to Schiffer for passing him the ball in the home win versus Palmer.

“Nate is probably the best point guard in our league this year,” Lanoue said. “He’s always looking to pass the ball and he’s a very unselfish basketball player. I’ve been playing basketball with him for a long time.”

The two double figure scorers for the visiting team were sophomore forward Jack Letendre, who scored 10 of his team-high 15 points during the fourth quarter, and senior guard Harvey Venne with 11 points. Senior guard Tyler Placanico chipped in with nine points and senior center Nate Letendre added six points for the Panthers.

Lanoue had two old fashion three points plays during the first eight minutes of the contest, which helped the Orioles build a 15-7 lead.

The Orioles took their largest lead of the first half at 33-19 with a minute remaining in the second quarter when Schiffer, who scored eight first half points, made a jumper from inside the top of the key.

Venne and Jack Letendre combined to score 12 of the Panthers 21 points in the first 16 minutes of the contest.

Three consecutive lay-ups by Placanico, Venne and Jack Letendre cut the Panthers deficit to 35-27 less than three minutes into the third quarter.

Then Zawistowski and Sajdak buried back-to-back 3-pointers, which pushed the Orioles lead to 41-27.

The home team entered the final eight minutes of the contest holding a 45-36 lead.

With six minutes remaining in regulation, the Panthers were only trailing by four points (49-45). Jack Letendre capped off a 15-6 run by sinking a 3-pointer from the right side of the key.

Then Lanoue scored 11 of his team’s final 14 points, as the Orioles managed to hold onto the lead and they also kept their postseason dreams alive.



## DEATH NOTICES

**Brewer, Mary Lou**

Died Feb. 8, 2020  
Funeral Services Feb. 15, 2020  
Lombard Funeral Home  
Monson

**Deyo, Marion E. (Hebert)**

Died Feb. 3, 2020  
Funeral Service Feb. 8, 2020  
Second Congregational Church  
Palmer

**Mann, Tina L. (Holcomb)**

Died Jan. 30, 2020  
Funeral Services Feb. 22, 2020  
Lombard Funeral Home  
Monson

**Shaw, Frederick W., Sr.**

Died Feb. 6, 2020  
Funeral Services Feb. 16, 2020  
Lombard Funeral Home  
Monson

**Sampson, Phillip**

Died Feb. 9, 2020  
Visitation Feb. 16, 2020  
Beers & Story Palmer Funeral  
Home, Palmer

**Wilson, Joel M.**

Died Jan. 27, 2020  
Celebration of Life Feb. 23, 2020  
Lombard Funeral Home  
Monson

## O B I T U A R I E S

*Mary Lou Brewer*

MONSON – Mary Louise Brewer, 75, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 at Life Care Center in Wilbraham. She was born in Amarillo, Texas, on Oct. 14, 1944, a daughter of the late Lynn and Harriet (Marschat) Brewer.

She was a lifelong educator and received her bachelor of science degree from North Adams State College and later her master of art degree from Westfield State University. She loved teaching and taught history and social studies at Minnechaug Regional

High School for over 40 years, retiring in 2007. She enjoyed gardening, bird watching and traveling, and was a member of the Monson Historical Commission, the Grace Makepeace Trust and the Board of Keep Homestead Museum.

She is survived by her wife, Susan E. Hershey of Monson and many friends, colleagues and students who were touched by her enthusiasm for teaching. Visitation



hours will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 3-5PM at Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson, MA 01057 with a sharing and celebration time at 4:30PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be

made to Sr. Caritas Cancer Center, 271 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. Please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com) for more details.

*Marion E. Deyo*

PALMER – Marion E. (Hebert) Deyo, 78, passed away with the love of her husband surrounding her on Feb. 3, 2020. Born July 17, 1941, in Springfield, she was the daughter of Anthony J. and Ellen E. (Kennedy) Hebert.

Marion grew up in Springfield and lived in Palmer for over 40 years. She worked as a customer service representative for Sears for many years. As an active member of the Second Congregational Church, Marion served in many capacities. She sang in the choir, was on the flower committee, volunteered for the thrift store, was part of the prayer chain along with being part of the youth group. She was a member of the Women's Fellowship Committee and could often be seen serving at Lenten Lunches.

Marion collected lighthouses

and enjoyed her plants. Her family recalled with a smile that she was a longstanding valued customer of QVC and HSN.

Marion will be deeply missed by her husband of 58 years, James E., along with their children, Charles Deyo, and his wife, Tammy of Ludlow, Anthony Deyo, and his wife, Sandra, of Palmer, and Lori Gagne, of Bondsville. "Meme," as she was lovingly called, will also be remembered by her grandchildren, Sarah Karowski, Jason Deyo, Ryan Gagne, Bailey Deyo, and great-grandchildren, Madison Deyo and Emily Zawalski. She also leaves her brother, Robert Hebert, and his wife, Gail, of



New York, brother, William Hebert, and his wife, Maria, of Springfield, and sister, Judy Sevigne, and her husband, Jerry, of West Springfield.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Edward Deyo, and son-in-law, James Gagne.

Visitation was Friday, Feb. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. A funeral service will be Saturday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer, MA, 01069.

*Tina L. (Holcomb) Mann*

MONSON – Tina L. (Holcomb) Mann, 58, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020, surrounded by the love of family. Tina was born Jan. 22, 1962, in Ware, the daughter of Norma A. (Holcomb) Jutras.

Tina has been a lifelong resident of Monson. Her career was a bus driver for special needs children, her passion was her love of family and friends. She enjoyed live music, motorcycles, the ocean shore and Mystic seaport. Tina would often have "spur of the moment" road trips with family and friends. She was an active member for many years with the Palmer Cowboy's Booster Club and the Pathfinder Athletic Booster Club.

Tina leaves her loving hus-

band of over 32 years, Donald J. Mann; their children, Dylan Mann and his wife, Bethany, of Monson, Drew Mann and his partner, Sarah Deyo, of Three Rivers, Derek Mann, of Monson, and Desiree Mann, of Monson; her mother, Norma (Holcomb) Jutras, of Belchertown; a brother, Glen Holcomb, of Belchertown; sister, April Holcomb, of Belchertown; Michele Jutras, of Enosburg Falls, Vermont, and sister-in-law, Donna Lee (Mann) Blatchley, and her husband, Matt, of Monson; six grandchildren, Madison, Emily, Kevin, Makayla, Gloria and



Christopher; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. Tina was predeceased by her step-father, Roland Jutras. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, in Lombard Funeral Home 3 Bridge St. in Monson. Visiting hours will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A service will be at 2 p.m. to conclude Tina's funeral services.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to BayState Hospice, 280 Chestnut St., 6th floor, Springfield, MA, 01199.

*Frederick W. Shaw Sr.*

MONSON – Frederick "Fred" W. Shaw, 83, passed away at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, on Feb. 6, 2020. He was born in Springfield, on July 16, 1936, the youngest son of the late Robert D. Shaw and Martha N. (Fetwrell).

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Margaret "Peg" A. (Merrill), and his brother, Paul F. Shaw, both in 2016. Fred is survived by his beloved children: Amy McClosky and her husband, Joseph; Frederick Shaw Jr. and his wife, Rebecca; Wayne Shaw and his wife, Karen; his grandchildren: Joshua McClosky and his wife, Lara; Jeremiah McClosky and his wife, Chella; Karissa Ruiter and her husband, Jeremy; Amanda Austin and her husband, Daniel; Elizabeth Shaw and Sarah Deyo; his great-grandchildren: Keerah, Alora, Toby, Owen, Georgeann and Kellie, Madison, Emily and Rylee. He also leaves his brother, Robert C. Shaw, his sister, Patricia R. (Shaw), and her husband, Joseph Basile, both of Florida. He also leaves his sister-in-law,

Elizabeth Landry, his brother-in-law, Robert Merrill; many dear nieces, nephews and friends.

Fred graduated from Springfield Trade High School as an electrical apprentice. He served two years in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, and four years in the U.S. Army, Co. "D," 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 6th Infantry, Fort Hood, Texas.

He started his own auto repair business on the banks of the Scantic River in Hampden, in the early 60s and went on to manage gas stations in Hampden and Palmer, a towing business, a salvage yard, an auto body repair shop, and a used-car business in Palmer and Monson, all by the late 1970s. In the early 1980s he went into restaurant installation; when things slowed down he then rounded out his business career rehabilitating houses and then building houses with his son, Wayne, by his side. He

loved classic Chevrolet cars, and was often seen at the cruise nights, car shows and flea markets. He also loved the outdoors and had been an avid angler and hunter. Fred and Peg traveled the United States together, and later in life, he and Peg played golf together, and spent 15 years living in Florida during the winter months.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, February 16, from 9 to 11 a.m., at Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson, and conclude with a funeral home ceremony at 11 a.m.. The burial in Hillcrest Cemetery will be private.

Memorial donations in Fred's name can be made to The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

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## O B I T U A R I E S

*Phillip Sampson*

PALMER – Phillip L. Sampson, 74, passed away February 9, 2020. He was born in Ware on January 5, 1946, son of Flora Ella (Thomas) Sampson Katawicz and Bernard Elbert Sampson. Phil has been a longtime resident of Palmer and for the past 7 years, has lived in Warren. Phil proudly served his country in the US Air Force and went on to work at Gleasons before his lengthy employment with the town of Palmer Highway Department. For 29 years, he worked with the town and served as Superintendent of the Highway Department for over 10 years. Besides being a well-known town employee, Phil also was the president and coach of

peewee Palmer Cowboys as well as coaching at Pathfinder. Phil and his late wife, Anne, were also involved with lawn mowing, clean ups and snow removals for many folks. He was also an avid New England sports teams fan, supporting the Patriots, Bruins and Red Sox. In 2016, Phil was predeceased by his wife of 25 years, Anne (Goodhind) and he leaves behind his children, Robin Sampson and Janice of Boxford, MA, Todd Sampson of Wilbraham, Brian Sampson and Lynn of Citra, FL, and Jesse Sampson and Sunny of W. Warwick, RI. Phil also leaves his grandchildren, Brian Sampson, Jr., Lauren Sampson, Annika and Ella Sampson, along with

his younger brother, George Sampson of Springfield. His memory will forever remain with his sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and George Banas and special companion Flora Thomas. Besides Anne, Phil was predeceased by his half-sister and brother, Janet Sampson and Bernard "Sam" Sampson, Jr. and step father, Peter Katawicz.

Visitation will be Sunday, Feb. 16th from 2-4:00 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with military honors to conclude. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Cancer Center, 55 Sayles St, Southbridge, MA 01550. For more information, visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com)

*Joel M. Wilson*

WILBRAHAM – Joel Michael Wilson, 56, passed away unexpectedly in Providence, Rhode Island, on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020, after an episode while performing with his group Bomber on Jan. 17, 2020. He was a longtime area musician and is well known for his longtime band Bomber, the "Motorhead" tribute band as well as being a member of Skidmarks.

He was born in Palmer, on Jan. 15, 1964, a son of the late Jerry Wilson and Roberta (Roach) Wilson, and was educated in Wilbraham Schools. He continued his musical education at Holyoke Community College and studied psychology at Argosy University. Joel was a musician through and through

and gave his time entertaining his fans as well as teaching music as a freelance guitar teacher. Joel was also the retail manager of Music Men. He served his country in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1986. Joel loved sharing his music and enjoyed Dungeons and Dragons in his spare time. He is survived by his loving family: his sister, Rebecca Carney, of Brimfield; his niece, Meghan Carney, and great niece, Lila Murray, both of Brimfield. He leaves his son, William Marks III, of Rochester, New York. Joel will also be missed deeply by his close band



member family, especially Vinny Falkowski, as well as friends and fans who supported him throughout his musical career.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson, MA, 01057 and conclude with a ceremony at 7 p.m.. A funeral service will be held on Monday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. in Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church, 167 Dunhamtown Rd., Brimfield, MA. 01010.

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## Police/Fire

## Fire Logs

## PALMER

*The Palmer Fire Department responded to 12 calls from Feb. 5 to Feb. 9.*

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 5:28 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 5:46 p.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 5:57 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 6:18 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:38 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Boston Road. The department returned to service at 8:34 a.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, at 2:55 p.m., the department conducted an odor investigation on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 3:25 p.m.

On Friday, Feb. 7, at 7:55 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Wright Street. The department returned to service at 8:18 a.m.

On Friday, Feb. 7, at 3:12 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 3:36 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, at 6:20 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Peterson Road. The department returned to service at 7:23 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, at 11:01 p.m., the department provided station coverage at the Wilbraham Fire Department. The department returned to service at 12:13 a.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, at 11:07 a.m., the department conducted a

smoke investigation on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 11:45 a.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, at 11:45 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 12:25 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, at 1:20 p.m., the department conducted a smoke investigation on Wilbraham Street. The department returned to service at 1:43 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3:29 p.m., the department responded to a furnace malfunction on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 4:52 p.m.

## BONDSDVILLE

*The Bonds ville Fire Department responded to 3 calls from Feb. 4 to Feb. 10.*

On Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6:11 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on State Street. The department returned to service at 6:42 a.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, at 6:33 p.m., the department responded to the area of Main and State Street for a motor vehicle accident. The department returned to service at 7:09 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 10, at 10:44 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Third Street. The department returned to service at 10:59 a.m.

## THREE RIVERS

*The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to 2 calls from Feb. 4 to Feb. 11.*

On Saturday, Feb. 8, at 10:13 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Main Street.

The department returned to service at 10:46 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 10, at 4:26 p.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide incident on Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 5:33 p.m.

## MONSON

*The Monson Fire Department responded to 7 fire calls and 21 EMS calls from Feb. 3 to Feb. 10.*

On Monday, Feb. 3, at 6:19 p.m., the department responded to 119 Main St. for a fire alarm activation. The department returned to service at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7:14 a.m., the department provided public assistance on 68 Butler Rd. The department returned to service at 7:44 a.m.

On Friday, Feb. 7, at 8:08 a.m., the department provided public assistance on 31 State St., Apt. 201. The department returned to service at 8:16 a.m.

On Friday, Feb. 7, at 8:27 a.m., the department provided public assistance on 68 Butler Rd. The department returned to service at 8:48 a.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, at 7:06 p.m., the department responded to 177 Palmer Rd. for a motor vehicle accident. The department returned to service at 8:10 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, at 9:14 p.m., the department responded to 202 Palmer Rd. for a motor vehicle accident. The department returned to service at 11:45 p.m.

On Sunday Feb. 9, at 9:36 p.m., the department provided public assistance on 68 Butler Rd. The department returned to service at 10:18 p.m.



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Have a church listing for the Palmer, Monson, Wales, Brimfield, and Holland area published here, please send the information to: The Journal Register, Attn. Douglas Farmer, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069; or by e-mail at [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com).

**WALES BAPTIST CHURCH** located at 23 Main St., Wales Will have music by the Praise and Worship Group on Sundays from 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday service is at 10 a.m., Bible studies are held on Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Ladies Bible study is Tuesday at 10 a.m. A St. Patrick's Day Croned Beef Dinner will be Saturday, March 16 at 4 p.m. A Strawberry Music Missions Festival is held in June and the Annual Share Fair is Oct. 5, 2019.

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH**, located at the former Sts. Peter & Paul Church on Main Street in Three Rivers offers Holy Mass on these days and times. The Lord's Day: Saturday Vigils at 4 and 5:15 p.m.; Sunday at 8 a.m. (in Polish) and 9:30 a.m.; Daily Masses (except Tuesday) at 8 a.m.; Tuesday preceded by Miraculous Medal and Our Lady of Czestochowa Novena at 5:30 p.m.; Holy days at 8 a.m. and either 5:30 or 7 p.m.; Seasonal Devotions in Lent, May and October. Pastor is Rev. Stefan Niemczyk, and Permanent Deacon is Rev. Mr. John Fox.

**SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer, welcomes believers, seekers, and visitors. Traditional, friendly Sunday services at 10 a.m. value every participant, featuring varied musical offerings and meaningful messages relevant to today's world. We seek participation of children in our services and Sun-

day School, with Child Care also available. Fellowship Times after each service offer delicious snacks with opportunities to chat with others. Videotaped recordings on Sundays available at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Cable Channel 15. Discover some true values in our Thrift Shop (Fri/Sat, 10-2). Contact us at 283-5206, [secondchurchpalmer.org](mailto:secondchurchpalmer.org), Palmer UCC Church on Facebook, or [second.church@verizon.net](mailto:second.church@verizon.net). Visit occasionally or find your spiritual home – your choice!

**ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** at 22 Green St. in Monson will hold Masses on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m., Miraculous Medal Novena on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. and St. Peregrine Novena on Fridays at 7 p.m. Also recently added is Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays at 3 p.m. Pastor is Fr. John J. Brennan. For more information call 267-3622 or visit [stpatrickmonson.org](mailto:stpatrickmonson.org).

**GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH** has moved to Monson, at 125 Main St. (back of Norcross House). Services will be held on Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m., with a children's church lesson during the 11 a.m. service. Food and fellowship follow the service. On Wednesday night, there will be a prayer and worship service at 6 p.m. The Grace Cafe Open Mic Night will be held the last Friday of every month at 7 p.m. Contact Pastor Larry Desreuisseau with questions at 413-559-1618.

**NEW BIRTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH** at 29 Church St. in Thorndike (across from the post office) would like to invite you to their regular services: Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church are held at 11 a.m. (A nursery is provided for all services). For more info, call the Rev. Wil-

liam Webb at 283-5130.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 20 Main St., P.O. Box 203, Brimfield hosts weekly worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Dawn Adams. A free community breakfast is offered before services at 9:30 a.m. and coffee hour follows worship. For more information on the church, services and activities, call 413-245-7162, or visit [www.brimfielducc.org](http://www.brimfielducc.org).

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets in Ware, will hold regular worship services each Sunday at 10 a.m. with church school for children at 9:15 a.m. For more information call Rev. Mary Rosendale at 413-967-6100.

**CROSSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** at 2230 Main St., Three Rivers, holds a relevant, doctrinally sound and friendly place of worship for the entire family with Pastors Dennis and Heather Marais. Sunday Services at 10 a.m. and Children's Church at 10 a.m. Lunch is served after the Sunday service. Join us for E.P.I.C. (Endless Possibilities In Christ), every first and third Friday of the month. The doors are open for all youth, ages 12 to 18 or sixth to 12th grade. The youth zone will offer a variety of free play areas and group gaming, including air hockey, ping pong, corn hole and craft zone, as well as a group message from the Word of God. For more info, call 413-297-5488, email [crosswayusa@comcast.net](mailto:crosswayusa@comcast.net) or visit [www.facebook.com/crosswaypalmer](http://www.facebook.com/crosswaypalmer) or [www.TheCrossway.org](http://www.TheCrossway.org).

**ST. CHRISTOPHER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** at 16 Sturbridge Road in Brimfield holds Masses on Saturday

at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., weekday Masses at 9 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday, with the Miraculous Medal Novena and Adoration following Wednesday's Mass. Pastor is Father John "Jack" J. Brennan who is also the pastor for St. Patrick's in Monson. For more information call 413-245-7274 or email [stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com](mailto:stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com).

**MONSON-GLENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** at the corner of Main & Cushman streets in Monson invites you to worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Child Care is provided. Sunday School from pre-school through senior high begins at 9:45 a.m. To learn more, contact the Rev. Ira Cameron at 267-3798 or email [m-gunc@verizon.net](mailto:m-gunc@verizon.net) or visit [umcmg.org](mailto:umcmg.org).

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH** at 251 Shearer St. in Palmer invites the public to the following weekly services: Sunday morning Bible school at 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Grow Ministry at 6:30 p.m. Child care is provided during all services as well as children's church for age 4 to 10 during Sunday morning services. Services may be seen Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on cable TV channel 15 as well as a program titled "Reflections" at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. A radio broadcast, "Melodies of Faith," airs over WARE 1250 AM each Sunday morning at 7:05 a.m. For more information, call 283-7560 or visit [faithbaptistchurchpalmer.com](http://faithbaptistchurchpalmer.com).

**ST. PAUL'S UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH** at the corner of Park and Central streets in Palmer has welcomed Rev. Rae Pertee and his wife Kimberly. The church invites you every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for worship services. A time of fellowship and refreshments follows the service at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Funday School for children ages 4 to 11 will be held at 10 a.m. Come as you are an join the free flow of ideas and ideals that is Unitarian Universalism. There is a place for you here. For more information call 413-283-8185 or email [stpaulsuchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsuchurch@gmail.com) or visit [www.uuchurch-palmer.org](http://www.uuchurch-palmer.org) or on Facebook at "St. Paul's Unitarian Universalist Church of Palmer."

**THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PARISH OF MONSON** located at 177 Main St., Monson holds services on Sundays at 10 a.m., starting on the first Sunday after Labor Day through the third Sunday in June. Guest ministers and lay leaders lead services. All are welcome to attend for food and fellowship after services. Unitarian Universalism nurtures those of widely different beliefs to pursue beloved community and a world where all people experience dignity and worth. For more information, visit [uupm.org](http://uupm.org).

**THE FIRST CHURCH OF MONSON**, Congregational/United Church of Christ, at 5 High St. in Monson invites you to regular worship services which are held Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. A free breakfast is served each Sunday from 8 to 9:45 a.m. from mid-September to mid-June (donations are accepted but not required). Everyone is welcome. Sunday School and nursery care are offered during worship from the sec-

ond Sunday in September through mid-June. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. For more information, please call 413-267-3312, visit [www.firstchurchmonson.org](http://www.firstchurchmonson.org), email office@firstchurchmonson.org, find the church on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/first-churchmonson](http://www.facebook.com/first-churchmonson).

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH** located at 1076 Thorndike Ma. Fr. Richard M. Turner, Pastor Tel. 283-5091, email: [sttompal@comcast.net](mailto:sttompal@comcast.net). Masses are: Mon through Fri. @ 9:00 am, Sat. 4:30 pm, Sun. 8:30am and 11:00am. Holydays @ 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm- 4:10 pm or by appointment. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays. 9:30 am to 1pm. Miraculous Medal Novena Tuesdays @9:30 am. Every 2nd Saturday of the Month a Parish Family and Friends homemade dinner is served at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm all in our community are invited to please join us, free will donations are accepted and appreciated.**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**, at 1050 Thorndike St., Palmer invites the community each Sunday at 10 a.m. for atime of worship, fellowship and prayer. There is Bible Study every Thursday at the church at 2 p.m. For more information contact the church at 413-289-6464 or 2nd-baptistchurch@comcast.net.

**BETHANY CHARISMATIC CATHOLIC CHURCH** at 167 Dunhamtown Road in Brimfield ([www.bethanyccc.org](http://www.bethanyccc.org)). Masses are Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m., followed by night prayer. Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. For more information or to speak to a member of the clergy call 413-324-1164 and leave a message. Come join us in worship of our great and loving God.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**, 9 East Brimfield/Holland Road, Brimfield offers Sunday morning service at 11 a.m., with Sunday Bible study at 9:45 a.m., and Wednesday evening prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Small group bible studies, youth and children activities available. Call Pastor Dave Pettis at 413-245-1275 or visit [www.friendshipma.com](http://www.friendshipma.com), if interested in more information.

**HOLLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** at 11 Sturbridge Road has two morning worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 10 a.m. We also gather every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for men's and women's Bible studies, prayer services, youth group and Kids for Christ ministries. We offer nursery care for all our services. Call the church office for more information at 413-245-9926 or visit the Web site at [www.HollandChurch.org](http://www.HollandChurch.org).

**QUABBIN VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH** at 258 Malboeuf Road, Ware offers services on Sundays including adult prayer at 9 a.m., adult Bible study and children's Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. There is also women's Bible study on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The church is one where the Bible and church are real and relevant, with sincere Christian fellowship, practical Bible teaching and personable leadership. For more information, call 413-668-7041, e-mail [quabbinvalleybaptist@gmail.com](mailto:quabbinvalleybaptist@gmail.com) or visit [www.quabbinvalleybaptist.com](http://www.quabbinvalleybaptist.com).

## Police/Fire

### Police Logs

#### PALMER

Sunday, Feb. 9

*The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 556 calls from Feb. 4 to Feb. 10. The Department made five arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court ad are innocent until proven guilty.*

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Stephen P. Hattler, 43, of 25 Dublin St., Palmer, was arrested at 8:43 p.m. on Thorndike Street in Palmer, on charges of disorderly conduct; assault and battery; and vandalizing property.

Friday, Feb. 7

David J. Smith, 60, of 97 Water St. Apt. #5, Palmer, was arrested at 5:56 a.m. on Water Street in Palmer, on charges of disorderly conduct; and assault and battery.

#### MONSON

*The Monson Police Department responded to a total of 166 calls from Feb. 2 to Feb. 8. The Department made five arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future ate in the Palmer District Court ad are innocent until proven guilty.*

Monday, Feb. 2

Francisco A. Young, 29, of 54 Bumstead Rd., Monson, was arrested at 5:05 p.m., for a straight warrant for using a motor vehicle without authority.

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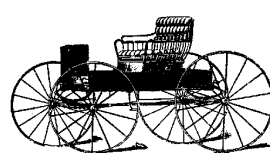
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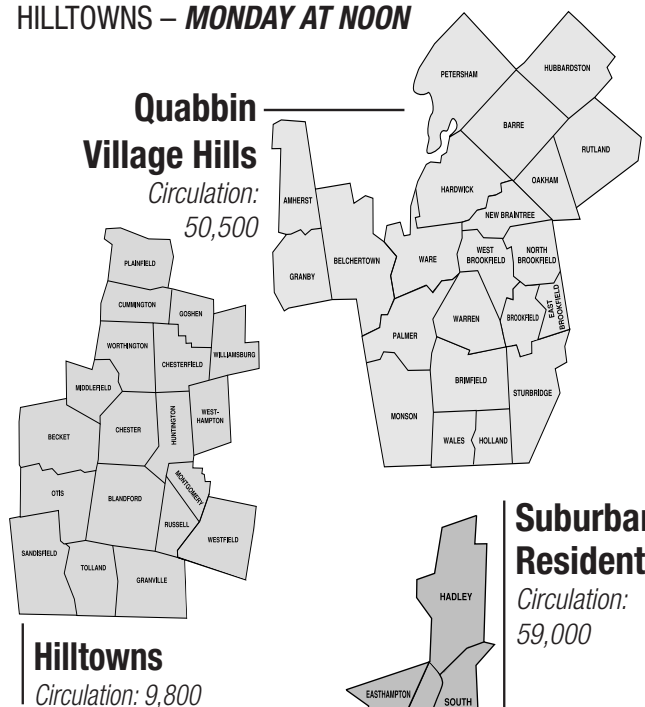
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A Bachelor's degree in Accounting or related field with three years' experience in municipal accounting preferred. Applications along with a job description and list of qualifications can be found under Volunteer and Employment on the town's website at [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov). Submit your application, along with a cover letter and resume via email to the Administrative Secretary at [acerra@warren-ma.gov](mailto:acerra@warren-ma.gov).

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## Public Notices

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Brad C. Buteau** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated November 3, 2011 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18983, Page 209, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated August 11, 2016, and recorded with said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 21358, Page 300, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **1:00 PM on March 9, 2020**, on the mortgaged premises located at 10 Polly Road, Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Polly Road in Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, shown as Lot 5 on a "Plan of property surveyed for Richard A. Washburn and Ruth J. Washburn, Trustees for the Michael Todd Matteson & Timothy Russell Matteson located on Polly Road, Massachusetts" by Jalbot Engineering Inc. dated May 21, 1987 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 248, Page 87 and 88. For title reference see Deed recorded in Book 18841, 527. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18983, Page 93. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are appli-

cable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
**HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.**  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500 11075  
2/13, 2/20, 2/27/2020

**Legal Notice**  
**The Annual Meeting of Corporators of Country Bank for Savings** will be held on **Monday, March 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.** at 29 Stallion Hill Road, Sturbridge, MA for the election of Corporators, Trustees and Officers along with any other business as required by law and the Bylaws of Country Bank for Savings.

Susan Rutherford  
Clerk of the Corporation  
2/13/2020

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS (SEAL)**

**LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
Docket 20 SM 000621

### ORDER OF NOTICE TO:

**Lynn Hillier, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael A. Goodwin; Mark Goodwin** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.; 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

**MidFirst Bank**, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Brimfield**, numbered **35 Oakwood Road**, given by **Michael A. Goodwin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Evolve Bank & Trust, its successors and assigns, dated March 31, 2017, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 21625, Page 186**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **March 23, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER** Chief Justice of this Court on February 4, 2020

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder  
(19-005287 Orlans)  
2/13/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MA Gen. Laws, Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage charges due: **PLYMOUTH VIN:IP3XA46KONF214406** Stephen Magnanpe 10 Spring St N.

Brookfield,MA; **MAZDA** VIN:4F2C202Z38KM26005 Angelo Hill 41 Alvard St Chicopee, MA; **AUDI** VIN: WAUFFAFL7DN034216 Panuwat Thongkhot P.O. Box 266 Barre, MA; **FORD** VIN:1FAFP55U92G123987 Hayden Miltz 54 Middle St Amherst, MA; **PONTIAC** VIN:5Y2SL62833Z468312 Anthony Ruscemi 255 Brookside Cir Florence, MA; **NISSAN** VIN:3N1AB61E38L697824 Ronald Chartier 68 Fairview St Ludlow, MA; **HYUNDAI** VIN:KMHD35LH9HU357698 Morgan LaBelle 384 Appleton St Holyoke, MA. This auction is to take place on February 22, 2020, 10:00 A.M. at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069.

2/06, 2/13, 2/20/2020

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 13 Green Street, Monson, Massachusetts

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Edward A. Maia** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Homecomings Financial, LLC (f/k/a Homecomings Financial Network, Inc.), and now held by Quicken Loans Inc., said mortgage dated November 13, 2007, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17027, Page 456, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 14, 2019, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 22558, Page 121, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **March 5, 2020, at 1:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings there at 13 Green Street, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning in the Westerly line of Green Street, at the Northeast corner of land now or formerly of Mary A. Beauchemin, and then running

N. 87 degrees 40' W. along the land of said Beauchemin 125 feet to an iron pin to land of Squier & Co., Inc., thence turning and running

N. 0 degrees 33' W. along the land of said Squier & Co., Inc., 51.10 feet to an iron pin at land of Frederick H., Jr. and Marjorie D. Sullivan; thence and running S. 88 degrees 00' E. along said Sullivan land 125 feet to the Westerly line of Green Street; and thence turning and running

S. 0 degrees 30' E. along the Westerly line of Green Street about 50 feet 9 inches to the place of beginning.

Excepting from the above described premises so much as was conveyed by deed to Squier & Co., Inc., dated December 2, 1967, recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3306, Page 317.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see Foreclosure Deed dated July 24, 2007, and recorded in Book 16871 at Page 543 in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

**TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00)** Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.  
275 West Natick Road, Suite 500

Warwick, RI 02886  
Attorney for  
Quicken Loans Inc.  
Present Holder of the  
Mortgage  
Telephone: (401) 234-9200  
MLG File No.: 19-03138  
2/13, 2/20, 2/27/2020

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH BANK

Notice is hereby given that Monson Savings Bank, Monson, MA has filed an application with the FDIC for approval to establish a branch facility to be located at 75 Park Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate FDIC office at 15 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 200, Braintree, MA 02184-8701 not later than February 28, 2020. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.  
2/13/2020

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

**Day/Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020**  
**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Place: Pathfinder Regional School Library, 240 Sykes Street, Palmer, MA**

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020** on the topic of the Budget for the School Year 2020-2021, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 38n of the Massachusetts General

Laws  
The Public Hearing will be followed by a regular School Committee meeting.  
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2/13/2020

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

**20 SM 000318 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Yvette M. Rioux a/k/a Yvette Rioux**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

**Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-8**

claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in **Monson**, numbered **57 Stafford Road o/k/a Stafford Springs Road o/k/a Route 32**, given by **Yvette M. Rioux a/k/a Yvette Rioux to Long Beach Mortgage Company, dated August 8, 2006, and recorded at Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16112, Page 540**, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of **Defendant's** Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before **March 9, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Chief Justice of said Court on **January 24, 2020**

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder  
2/13/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD20C0040CA In the matter of:**

**Kathryn Emily Nguyen CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Kathryn Emily Nguyen** of Holland, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Kathryn Emily Gardner Reilly**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/03/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 11, 2020

**Suzanne T. Seguin** Register of Probate

2/13/2020

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## NOW

### INTERESTED IN QUILTING?

The Quaboag Valley Quilters Guild is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

**CHURCH CABOOSE THRIFT SHOP** at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer has bargains on clothing, household items, linens, books, crafts and more. Come and see Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 283-6958 for more information.

**THE MONSON LIONS CLUB** has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

**DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M.** located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

**RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT** now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-feet x 20-feet for \$125 or 20-feet x 40-feet for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

**MONSON WOODWACKERS** wood carving club will meet every Thursday at Monson Senior Center on Main Street in Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

**STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS** will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

**PALMER SALVATION ARMY** Service Extension Unit offers residents in Palmer and Brimfield emergency assistance on a periodic basis. The outreach coordinator will be located on the second floor of St. Paul’s Unitarian Universalist Church at 1060 Central St., Palmer. You must schedule an appointment by calling 413-221-8283 so you know what documentation to bring since those seeking assistance have to meet certain criteria and show proof of need. Please leave your name, number and the date you called. Phone messages are checked weekly, not daily.

**BOOKSTORE** at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children’s books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books

and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-0033 for more information.

**MARTHA’S TABLE STAFF** at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church is supporting the Monson Open Pantry by providing a meal once a month to anyone who will bring a non-perishable food item. Staff have begun packing and delivering the meals in cooperation with the Monson Senior Center. The meal is served at the church, 162 Main St., Monson on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information call 267-3798.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON.** The Monson Council on Aging invites seniors over age 60 to its luncheon program every Monday – Friday at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. Home cooked meals are always served at noon. The requested donation of \$2.50 includes the entrée, bread, dessert and beverage. Menus are available in the COA newsletter. Luncheon reservations must be made by 2:30 p.m. the day before you would like to come to lunch. For more info or van reservations, call 267-4121.

**GAME NIGHT** will be held at Top Floor Learning at the Palmer Public Library the second Tuesday of each month: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 (2019) and Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 10 (2020) from 6-7:45 p.m. There is no fee or registration required, and attendants must be 16 years of age or older unless accompanied by an adult. Games include Scrabble, Cribbage, Monopoly, Rummy, Chess, Checkers, Uno, Yahtzee, Bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8’s, Hearts, Dominos, etc. Attendees may bring their own. For more information call 283-2329 or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

**MAKE A DONATION** to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

## TUESDAY, FEB. 16

**FREE MOVIE** - Described as “A very beautiful film” by Pope Benedict XVI, come see the movie “Bakhita From Slave to Saint” Sunday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m., at St. Patrick’s Church, Columbia Hall, Green Street in Monson. Canonized in 2000, this is the story of Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of Sudan. Admission is free and refreshments served.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 22

**TURKEY DINNER** The Palmer Lions Club will hold a turkey dinner on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., in Plamer. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children six and under. For tickets call 413-283-5782.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 29

**SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM** The next social justice film, entitled “Crude” will be shown on Feb. 29, at 7 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 177 Main St. in Monson at 7 p.m. The film is free and will be followed by refreshments and discussion. Watch this film and see if Chevron should have received a pass on paying income tax and a subsidy as a gift from the taxpayers. For more info call Malita at 413-596-9075.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 15

**CORNEB BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER** will be sponsored by the Sons of AM-VETS Squadron 74, 2015 Main St., Three Rivers on Sunday, March 15, noon to 4 p.m. There will be live Irish music by the band Malariky from 1 to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the post.

## ONGOING

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED** - Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? “Christianity Explored” is a study which seeks to answer these questions from the Gospel of Mark. The course involves seven weekly one-hour sessions using Bible study, related DVD viewing, and discussion of the pertinent passages. For more information contact Mal at 413-267-5025.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield include strength training classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m.; Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.; gentle arthritis and chair yoga combo classes on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday of the monthly (\$1 per card, 25 cents per game, cover-all price \$10); There is a suggested donation of \$2 for 55 and up and \$3 for under 55. Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with reservations required by 11 a.m. on the previous day. There is a \$2 suggested donation. Plarning, crocheting and knitting is offered the first Friday of each month and massage with Vicki is offered the third Tuesday of the month from 9:15-11:15 a.m., by appointment only. The cost is \$5 for 10 minutes and \$15 for 20 minutes. For more information call 413-245-7253.

**KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM** is closed for winter and will re-open on April 5, 2020 at 35 Ely Rd., Monson. Nature trails are open daily for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. New trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts) For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org or visit www. keephomesteadmuseum.org

**BAYSTATE WING AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP** sells unique merchandise at reasonable prices. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with some weekend hours extended during the holidays. All proceeds benefit the Baystate Wing Hospital, a major part of the community, and provide scholarships to seniors graduating from local high schools. Call 413-370-8169 for more information.

**MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED** by the Monson Democratic Town Committee that holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Polish American Citizens Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson at 7 p.m.

**HAVE YOU HAD A BABY RECENTLY?** If you are living in the Palmer, Monson or surrounding communities and you have a newborn baby, call the Palmer Monson Family Network at 283-6246 to get your free canvas bag packing with information for you and practical goodies for your baby. The Family Network, a Collaborative for Educational Services program, is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

**PLAY & LEARN DROP-IN TIME** is happening throughout the school year at the Palmer Monson Family Network on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11:30am. The free playgroup includes free play time, snack and circle time and is open to all families and caregivers and their children from 0-5 years old. All PMFN programs are free. The PMFN is located at 4 Springfield St. in Three Rivers and is a program of the Collaborative of Educational Services and receives funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care. For more information call 283-6246.

**INFANT AND TODDLER TIME** at the Palmer Monson Family Network is available for families with little ones from 0-24 months of age. The free program happens throughout the school year on Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and provides a fun environment for families and caregivers to connect with others with young children. Snack and circle time are included. Call

283-6246 for more information.

**HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER**, 40 Brimfield Holland, has announced the following recurring events: Stay Fit classes with Sharon on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., Dance Fit with Alice on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Low Impact Workout with Debbie Sichel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Yoga with Sharon on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Tai Chi with David Masera every other Thursday at 10 a.m. For more information call 413-245-3163.

**STORYTELLING WITH COLLEEN LOWE-SMITH** at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. In this group, participants will reflect together on life experiences and practice the art of listening as well as telling. Celebrate one another’s unique stories, inspire one another, create empathy, discover wisdom, and provoke one another to reflect more deeply on one’s own experiences. Participants are welcome to just listen or to tell a story. There is no cost for this program. Call 413-245-7253 for further information.

**FRIDAY ZUMBA CLASSES** are offered at the Palmer Senior Center, 1029 Central St., Palmer, on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$25 for five classes or \$7 for drop-in. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or wallacee413@gmail.com.

**ELBOW PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meets the second Thursday of every month (except July, August, January and February in the community room of the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer from 2-4 p.m.

**KIDS’ CHESS CLUB** is hosted at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer on Tuesday afternoons in the community room from 4-5 p.m. All ages are welcome, including kindergarten through grade 12, families and adults. There is no need to sign-up. For more information contact William Nolte at 413-596-9021.

**DIAMOND NATIONAL/CASCADES DIAMOND.** Did you every work there? Former employees meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Burgundy Brook Restaurant on Route 181 in Palmer from 9-10 a.m. The stories shared are often colorful but old friendships are renewed.

**TICK TALK – A Lyme disease support group** of Monson will meet at Grace Community Church at the Norcross House, 125 Main St., Monson the last Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-noon. The group can be found online at facebook.com/monson-lymesupport/ or monsonlymesupport.com.

**FREE PLAYGROUP** sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield. Music and Movement on Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday and Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977.

**A NEW, ONGOING ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholic/Dysfunctional Families)** will be held on Friday nights at the First Church of Monson, 5 High St., Monson. ACA is a 12-step support group for adults raised in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. “Another Way to Live” will meet at 6:30 p.m. Voluntary donations only.

**WEEKLY CLASSES** at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling 413-245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. is yoga class with Mah Jongg, and Monday evenings at 6 p.m. is Texas Hold ‘Em. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. is the Coffee Social which is open to everyone, and Open Crafts are held on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zumba is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. and Yoga is at 5 p.m., plus Pitch at 6:30 p.m. Stained glass is every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Cribbage is weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Walking Club is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. The Billiard

Room is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. For everyone. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

**MONTHLY CLASSES** at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Cards Against Humanity on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and Magic the Gathering on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 413-245-3163.

**CARD AND/OR BOARD GAMES** will be offered at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. A \$1 donation is suggested. For more information call 413-245-7253.

**MONDAY ZUMBA CLASSES** are offered at Memorial Town Hall, 198 Main St., Monson, on Mondays at 8:30 a.m., sponsored by the Monson Parks and Recreation Department. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$30 for five classes or \$8 for drop-ins. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or wallacee413@gmail.com.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. The group is comprised of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. Local meetings are held every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at The Living Room of Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., Ware; every Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church, 22 Green St., Monson; Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Belchertown United Congregational Church, 18 Park St., Belchertown; every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the Palmer Historical & Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers; and every Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer. For more information or to find additional meetings throughout the New England area, visit www.nerna.org.

**FREE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASS** at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield. All ages are welcome in this free program sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation 5, held on Wednesdays, 9-9:45 a.m.; no programs during school vacations or holidays. Listen and move to music and create some of your own. The instructor is Jenn Gagnon. For more information, call Patti Sinko at 508-867-2232 or email sinkop@tantasqua.org.

**NEW MUSEUM PASSES** are available at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., Monson. The Friends of the Monson Free Library have renewed the list of museum passes which include free or discounted admission to area attractions like the Connecticut Science Museum, MassMOCA, New England Air Museum, Worcester Art Museum and the Wadsworth Athenaeum. Old favorites that are still available include the Eric Carle Museum, Massachusetts state parks, Mystic Aquarium, Smith College Museum of Art, Springfield Museums and the USS Constitution.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME** will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Join the group for stories, crafts and silliness. No registration is needed and all are welcome.

**BOUNCE AND RHYME BABY TIME** will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for children up to 2 ½. No registration is required and all are welcome.

**PALMER FOOD SHARE, INC.,** an emergency food pantry, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Food Share is located at 39 Walnut St. in Palmer. Call 283-3614 with questions or to order to pick up food.

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# Seniors take Winter Carnival once again



MHS seniors dig in during the tug-of-war competition during Winter Carnival.



Freshman at MHS pull for all they are worth during the Winter Carnival tug-of-war.



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Senior Michelle Croak competed for the last time in the Winter Carnival pie-eating contest. Physical education teacher Eric Degnan spurs her on.



Turley Publications courtesy photo  
Two MHS seniors excited about going to the prom, which was held after Winter Carnival.



MHS seniors sing to generate energy for their members and to tease other grades, particularly the juniors during Winter Carnival.



The Monson Mustang school mascot made an appearance during MHS's Winter Carnival.



MHS seniors playing volleyball against their teachers at Winter Carnival.



Logan Fontaine participates in the egg race during MHS's Winter Carnival last Friday.



Nicolai Robbins takes off during the flipper race at Winter Carnival.



Freshmen Julien Knobbs and Kaera Duffy compete in the obstacle course during Winter Carnival.



MHS seniors played a volleyball game against their teachers during Winter Carnival.

MHS Principal William Metzger got a whip cream pie in the face during Winter Carnival. Three staff members were chosen, and Metzger was chosen by the amount donations made in his name, as the one who would get "pied."

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it," he said. "It just brings so much positive energy and happiness to everybody, it's great." He said he also looks forward to next year when he will be able to play in the seniors.

Part of the way through the events, MHS Principal William Metzger proved he was a good sport after he was selected to receive a whip cream pie in the face. Three staff members were chosen, and Metzger was chosen by the amount donations made in his name by students, and so received the pie."

Assistant Principal Jill Foulis said the school has been holding Winter Carnival for more than 40 years, and it is always a fun day. "The kids are great, they're well-behaved and they have fun," she said.

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